UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

State of Louisiana

Governor

Bobby Jindal

Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout our country's history, United States citizens have answered the call to serve their country and defend our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, many courageous and brave men and women have been injured or killed while serving their country during times of war; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action; and

WHEREAS, introduced as the "Badge of Military Merit" by General George Washington in 1782, the Purple Heart is also the nation's oldest military award; and

WHEREAS, since 1932, nearly 2 million Purple Hearts have been awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, August 7, 2014, marks the 232nd anniversary of the Purple Heart award, and the 82nd anniversary on the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2014, as

PURPLE HEART DAY
in the State of Louisiana.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 7th *day of* August *A.D.,* 2014.

Governor of Louisiana

Attest By
The Governor

Secretary of State