



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## HCR 2025

purple heart state; day.

Prime Sponsor: Representative Thorpe, LD 6

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**DP** Committee on Military Affairs and Public Safety

**DP** Caucus and COW

**X** As Transmitted to the Secretary of State

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### OVERVIEW

HCR 2025 proclaims August 7, 2016 as Arizona Purple Heart Day.

### PROVISIONS

1. Proclaims August 7, 2016 as Arizona Purple Heart Day.
2. Designates Arizona as a Purple Heart state.
3. States that Arizona supports efforts to pay tribute to current and former Purple Heart recipients.

### CURRENT LAW

Not currently addressed in statute.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Purple Heart is a combat decoration that is awarded to living members of the United States armed forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy or that is awarded posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who were killed in action or died from wounds received in action. The Purple Heart is the oldest presently used military decoration in the United States. The Purple Heart was the first award made available to the common soldier to recognize outstanding valor or merit. There are approximately 1.7 million Purple Heart recipients in our nation's history, many of whom are from the State of Arizona.