



**BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**PROCLAMATION**

**PROCLAIMING AUGUST 7, 2022, AS “NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY” IN  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.**

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use;  
and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded in a conflict with an enemy force or are wounded while held by an enemy force as prisoners of war, and is awarded posthumously to the next of kin of members of the Armed Forces who are killed in a conflict with an enemy force or who die of wounds received in a conflict with an enemy force; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit; and

WHEREAS, the award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of the Revolutionary War, but was revived in 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth, out of respect for his memory and military achievements; and

WHEREAS, observing National Purple Heart Day is a fitting tribute to George Washington and to the approximately two million recipients of the Purple Heart; now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED, BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that we hereby set aside August 7, 2022, as “National Purple Heart Day” in Baldwin County, Alabama, to encourage all the citizens of Baldwin County to learn about the history of the Purple Heart and to honor the members of the Armed Forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart.



*IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, we have hereunto set  
our hands and caused the Seal of Baldwin County,  
Alabama, to be affixed on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
August 2022.*

  
Commissioner James E. Ball  
Chairman

  
Commissioner Matthew P. McKenzie

  
Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood

  
Commissioner Charles F. Gruber  
Vice Chairman