

2001 SENATE BILL 364

January 8, 2002 – Introduced by Senators MOEN, SCHULTZ, BRESKE, ROSENZWEIG, ERPENBACH, MOORE, BURKE, DARLING, COWLES, GROBSCHMIDT, S. FITZGERALD, ROESSLER and HANSEN, cosponsored by Representatives MUSSER, GRONEMUS, KESTELL, PLOUFF, NASS, SHERMAN, JESKEWITZ, BOCK, LADWIG, RYBA, BOYLE, HUBER, CARPENTER, STARZYK, TURNER, ALBERS, LASSA, D. MEYER, KREIBICH, URBAN, GUNDRUM, HAHN, HUNDERTMARK, RHOADES, FREESE, KRAWCZYK, COGGS, PETTIS, MILLER, VRAKAS, STEINBRINK and SYKORA, by request of Department of Wisconsin Military Order of the Purple Heart. Referred to Committee on Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 14.16 (11) of the statutes; **relating to:** proclaiming Purple
2 Heart Day.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the governor to annually proclaim August 7 as “Purple Heart Day” and urge people and organizations to display the American flag on that day as a public expression of the recognition of those individuals who have been wounded or killed in action preserving the freedoms that U.S. citizens cherish. Currently, the governor may issue proclamations in remembrance of certain dates and persons, including Armistice Day, Gold Star Mother’s Day, and Citizenship Day.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 14.16 (11) of the statutes is created to read:
4 14.16 (11) PURPLE HEART DAY. The governor shall annually proclaim August
5 7 as Purple Heart Day and urge the people and organizations of the state to display
6 the American flag on that day as a public expression of the recognition of those

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1 individuals who have been wounded or killed in action preserving the freedoms that
2 all United States citizens cherish.

3 (END)