

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

RESOLUTION in SUPPORT of PROJECT PURPLE HEART

WHEREAS by general orders to the Continental Army from Commander in Chief George Washington on 7 August, 1782, the Badge of Military Merit was established in the form of a purple heart, and

WHEREAS the Purple Heart Award was established by General Order 3 of the United States Department of War on February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of the birth of General Washington, and

WHEREAS *Stolen Valor* is of concern to military veterans and Veteran Service Organizations, and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Defense has established a database of recipients for certain awards of valor, and

WHEREAS the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor, New York, has established an unofficial and voluntary listing of Purple Heart recipients, and

WHEREAS the Honoring Purple Heart Recipients Act of 2022 has been introduced in the United States Congress to direct the Department of Defense to include Purple Heart recipients in its database, and

WHEREAS the National Flag Foundation has established the adoption of that legislation as a goal of the organization, and

WHEREAS the National Flag Foundation will celebrate the 240th anniversary of the establishment of the Purple Heart and its predecessor with observances in cities across the nation on November 11, 2022, and

WHEREAS the Department of Pennsylvania in convention on 25 June 2022 adopted this Resolution for transmission to the National Convention of the Marine Corps League to enlist its support nationally, and


WHEREAS the National Commandant of the Marine Corps League has communicated support for the legislation introduced, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Marine Corps League shall lend its support to the activities of the National Flag Foundation, and be it further

RESOLVED that the League encourage its members to lobby representatives in Congress to support the adoption of the Honoring Purple Heart Recipients Act of 2022 (HR 5172 and S 4006) and be it further

RESOLVED that the League encourage Marine Corps League Detachments to participate with the National Flag Foundation as available and appropriate in the 240th anniversary observances in their communities.

ADOPTED in National Convention Assembled this 19th day of August 2022.


Commandant


National Executive Director/COO

LIGHT TO UNITE

THE NATIONAL FLAG FOUNDATION & THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART NEED YOUR HELP

The National Flag Foundation (NFF) and the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) are partnering to commemorate and celebrate the 240th anniversary of our nation's Purple Heart Award.

To celebrate, the NFF is planning a LIGHT TO UNITE night on Veterans Day, November 11, 2022. We would like to have all major cities in America light up purple and/or red, white and blue.

IN GOOD COMPANY

We already have a commitment from One World Trade Center in New York City to light their building purple immediately following the lighting of Pittsburgh's Koppers Tower. The Koppers Tower will be the first to light as it is the home of the NFF. All other participating buildings will light based on their time zone.

To date, through cooperation from BOMA, we have multiple cities committed to LIGHT TO UNITE.

THE ASK

The NFF asks that the Marine Corps League participate with the NFF and MOPH by positioning Marine Corps League Color Guards at select buildings across America at the time they light on the evening of November 11, 2022.

PART OF A LARGER PLAN

In addition to LIGHT TO UNITE the NFF and MOPH are excited to have partnered with the NFL to create a video, "A National Flag Foundation Moment," narrated by Jim Nantz which will air during the NFL's "Salute to Service" games in November. Additionally, teams will honor the 240th Anniversary in unique ways to further support the NFF and MOPH.

To participate, please contact:

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