

Introduced by Legislators Muratore, Krupski, Schneiderman, Browning, Hahn, Anker, Calarco, Lindsay, Martinez, Cilmi, Kennedy, Trotta, McCaffrey, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro and Spencer

**RESOLUTION NO. 412 -2014, DECLARING AUGUST 7th AS
"PURPLE HEART DAY" IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on August 7, 1782 at his headquarters in Newburgh, New York, Commander-in-Chief General George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit, the precursor to the Purple Heart, for singular meritorious action; and

WHEREAS, one hundred and fifty (150) years later General Douglas MacArthur's "General Order Number Three" created the modern day Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 1932, one hundred and thirty-eight (138) World War I veterans were honored and conferred their Purple Hearts at Temple Hill, New Windsor, New York in the County of Suffolk at the New Windsor Cantonment, final encampment of the Continental Army; and

WHEREAS, the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor was opened on this same site on November 10, 2005 and continues the tradition that began here in 1932, of honoring our country's veterans who have earned the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, the people of Suffolk County have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, veterans have paid a high price for freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from Suffolk County who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Metal as a result of being wounded or killed while engaged in combat; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County wishes to remember and recognize veterans who have received the Purple Heart Metal; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2014 and continuing every year thereafter August 7th shall be designated as "Purple Heart Day" in Suffolk County; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations,

rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: May 13, 2014

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 29, 2014