



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Daphne Jordan

Senator Daphne Jordan's efforts to recognize NY's Purple Heart heroes continues getting real results:

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**Bipartisan measure honors and recognizes the service and sacrifice of New York's best and bravest, our military veterans wounded or killed while serving with the U.S. Military.**

**Albany, NY** – New York State Senator Daphne Jordan (R,C,I-Halfmoon), Member of the Senate Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Committee, today proudly announced that the bipartisan legislative resolution she cosponsors, J401, proclaiming Saturday, August 7, 2021, as “Purple Heart Day” in New York State, unanimously passed the State Senate during today’s session. The measure was previously adopted in February and was brought to the Senate Floor again today. Senator Jordan cosponsors the legislative resolution which is sponsored by New York State Senator Kevin Thomas (D-6<sup>th</sup> District).

Today’s reconsideration, and subsequent passage of the legislative resolution, comes just a day after the Senate’s unanimous, bipartisan passage (63-0) of Senator Jordan’s legislation Senate Bill S.2279 designating “New York as a Purple Heart State” to recognize the heroic sacrifices that America’s courageous, selfless soldiers have made to protect our country.

The Purple Heart is the oldest, and among the most venerated, military decorations awarded in the name of the President to those wounded or killed while serving with the U.S. Military. Created by General George Washington to honor and thank the brave soldiers who fought under his command for America’s independence, the Purple Heart has been awarded to almost two million American patriots that have been wounded in battle or killed in action.

“America’s Purple Heart recipients are our nation’s best and bravest, and it is our privilege – and our duty – to recognize and honor them. Memorializing August 7, 2021, as ‘Purple Heart Day’ in New York State is an important way we can send a heartfelt, statewide message of just how much these heroes mean to us and how grateful we are for their honorable, faithful service, and their courageous, selfless sacrifice,” Senator Daphne Jordan said.

Senator Jordan’s 43<sup>rd</sup> District includes 60 municipalities, 50 of which have become local Purple Heart Communities. All four counties in Senator Jordan’s 43<sup>rd</sup> Senate District – Saratoga, Rensselaer, Washington, and Columbia – successfully passed local resolutions and

become Purple Heart Communities and Counties.

The breakdown of the local municipalities across Senator Jordan's 43<sup>rd</sup> Senate District that have become Purple Heart Communities is as follows:

**Columbia County Purple Heart Communities in 43<sup>rd</sup> Senate District:**

Town of Ancram

Town of Austerlitz

Town of Canaan

Town of Chatham

Town of Claverack

Town of Copake

Town of Gallatin

Town of Germantown

Town of Ghent

Town of Greenport

Town of Hillsdale

City of Hudson

Town of Kinderhook

Town of Livingston

Village of Philmont

Town of New Lebanon

Town of Stockport

Town of Stuyvesant

Town of Taghkanic

Village of Valatie

**Rensselaer County Purple Heart Communities in 43<sup>rd</sup> Senate District:**

Town of Berlin

Town of Brunswick

Village of Castleton-on-Hudson

Town of East Greenbush

Town of East Nassau

Town of Grafton

Town of Hoosick

Town of Nassau

Village of Nassau

Town of North Greenbush

Town of Petersburg

Town of Pittstown

Town of Poestenkill

Town of Sand Lake

Town of Schodack

**Saratoga County Purple Heart Communities in 43<sup>rd</sup> Senate District:**

Town of Greenfield

Town of Halfmoon

City of Mechanicville

Town of Moreau

Town of Northumberland

Town of Saratoga

City of Saratoga Springs

Village of South Glens Falls

Town of Stillwater

Village Stillwater

Town of Waterford

Village of Waterford

Town of Wilton

**Washington County Purple Heart Communities in 43<sup>rd</sup> Senate District:**

Town of Cambridge

Town of Easton

On a statewide basis, 40 out of New York's 62 counties are now Purple Heart Communities, and, in several more, the designation is presently pending. In addition, 18 other areas, including buildings, trails, and parts of highways, have been renamed with the Purple Heart designation.

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