

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Proclaiming the state as a Purple Heart State to honor the service and sacrifice of our**
2 **nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to**
3 **protect the freedom enjoyed by all Americans.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **WHEREAS** the people of the state have great admiration for and the utmost gratitude
6 toward the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this state in the
7 armed forces; and

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

10 **WHEREAS** the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women of the state who
11 have served in the armed forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life
12 enjoyed by the citizens of the state; and

13 **WHEREAS** many men and women have given their lives while serving in the armed
14 forces; and

15 **WHEREAS** many citizens of our state have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result

1 of having been wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, which is recognized
2 as a singularly meritorious act of essential service;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature proclaims the state as a Purple
4 Heart State to honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform
5 wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all
6 Americans.