



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the blessing of freedom that we enjoy is ours only because of the unrelenting devotion of members of our Armed Forces, some who laid down their lives for America; and

**WHEREAS**, originally titled "Decoration Day," we honor and mourn the loss of the millions of brave Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who have secured the future of our country, at the expense of their own; and

**WHEREAS**, a joint resolution from Congress was approved by Harry S. Truman on May 11, 1951, declaring the last Monday in May as a day to be devoted to praying for peace, this being directly after WWII; and

**WHEREAS**, later declared a federal holiday, Memorial Day's first purpose was to bring Americans together in prayer, each in accordance with his own religious faith, for enduring peace in our World; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Monument of Remembrance is practiced at 3:00pm EDT; one minute of silence and prayer for those who have given their lives in service to our country, the United States is still; and

**WHEREAS**, let us also remember the families of those men and women who had died in service to our country, may we ensure our country always proves worthy of their sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, let us together practice the National Monument of Remembrance on Memorial Day, and join together at 2:00pm CDT in solidarity and gratitude for our nation's heroes; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee is grateful for those who have worn our country's uniform and hold close in our hearts those who died in that uniform;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2017 as

*Memorial Day*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this third day of May, 2017.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Julie Knight*

Secretary of State