



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, having heard from President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the WWII D-Day operation, Americans waited with bated breath to hear the outcome of the Allied Force's invasion of Normandy, France; and

WHEREAS, American service members joined with British and Canadian Allied forces, shortly after midnight 72 years ago, to deliver a tremendous blow to the Axis powers; and

WHEREAS, the Nazis, having fortified the Atlantic sea wall, were braced for an attack but were unable to withstand the force and determination of those soldiers, sailors, and airmen who embarked upon the beaches of Normandy the morning of June 6, 1945; and

WHEREAS, the harrowing journey of Operation Overlord was successful at the price of many American lives, the triumph there was only won because of the bravery and courage of patriots; and

WHEREAS, on that day over 9,000 Americans gave their lives for the ideals our country was founded upon, with Normandy American Cemetery becoming their final resting place; and

WHEREAS, fighting for freedom beyond our borders, let us commemorate those men, living and dead, who did much to bring about the end of the Second World War;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2017 as

D-Day Remembrance 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 twenty-sixth day of May, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State