



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the people of Tennessee recognize the sacrifice of the members of our armed services and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, we remember the families who have lost their loved ones in combat; and

**WHEREAS**, Private First Class Reece Gass of Greeneville, Tennessee, was killed on January 14, 1945 while serving his country in World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, Gass served with Company E, 33<sup>rd</sup> Armored Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division in the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Gass's remains will be returned to his native state and laid at rest in Greeneville, Tennessee on June 10, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, we are grateful to finally welcome home this brave soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 10, 2017 as a

*Day of Mourning in Remembrance of  
Private First Class Reece Gass*

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 seventh day of June, 2017.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Scott Fitzgerald*

Secretary of State