



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 also remember the families who have lost their loved ones in combat; and

WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant William O'Kieff, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, then age 38, was killed on November 27, 1970 while serving his country during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, O'Kieff served with the 19th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 315th Tactical Airlift Wing in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, O'Kieff was among six American crew members and seventy-three Republic of South Vietnam soldiers who perished in the crash of a C-123K aircraft; and

WHEREAS, O'Kieff's remains will be returned to his native state and laid at rest in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on June 17, 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 17, 2017 as a

*Day of Mourning in Remembrance of
TSgt William O'Kieff*

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 thirteenth day of June, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State