



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**, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant William Turner of Nashville, Tennessee, was presumably killed on December 13, 1943 while serving his country in World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, Turner served as a crew member of a B-26 bomber called "Hell's Fury" and was an aerial engineer assigned to the 555<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron, 386<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group; and

**WHEREAS**, the aircraft was struck by anti-aircraft artillery and crashed near Schiphol in The Netherlands; and

**WHEREAS**, Turner's remains will be returned to his native state and laid at rest in Nashville, Tennessee on August 22, 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 August 22, 2017 as a

*Day of Mourning in Remembrance of  
Staff Sergeant William Turner*

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 fifteenth day of August, 2017.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Vargo*

Secretary of State