



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in war or peacetime, those who serve in our military do so with uncompromising devotion to the values and standards to which they are committed; and

WHEREAS, the over 1.3 million men and women answer the call to serve, unquestionably giving up the comforts of civilian life and going wherever in the World they are needed; and

WHEREAS, in providing the framework for our strong National Defense, the members of United States Armed Forces risk their own lives so American men, women and children may know the fullest measure of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the original intention of this single day celebration of all branches of our military was to unify them separate from their individual birthdays; and

WHEREAS, first celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950, the theme of our Nation's first Armed Forces Day was educational in nature to increase civilian awareness of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, serving as inspiration for generations of Americans - our Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen have faced great adversity, great victories, great challenges, and through all of it respond to the call to serve; and

WHEREAS, the freedom that we treasure so desperately has been secured by those who have committed to become a member of our Nation's mighty military;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2018 as

Armed Forces 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-third day of April, 2018.

Governor

Secretary of State

