



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, since 1775, Americans have laid down their lives in defense of freedom in our great Nation and around the World; and

WHEREAS, what began in 1868 by decorating the graves of the fallen as a way to honor those who died during the Civil War is now formally recognized across America as Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to Khe Sanh along the Ho Chi Minh trail from Omaha Beach, France to the stark landscape of Afghanistan, we know that true peace is won only by those willing to die for it; and

WHEREAS, with the passing of time and the blessings of good fortune the light of the memory of all of our brave Americans whose final action purchased our freedom will be undimmed; and

WHEREAS, while the final resting place of some of our warriors may be unknown, their sacrifice is known by all; and

WHEREAS, today let us join in paying tribute to our war dead in some special way, whether it is placing flowers on a veteran's grave, or uttering a prayer of thanks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 28, 2018 as

Memorial 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 fifteenth day of May, 2018.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State