



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, Navy Seaman 2nd Class William Campbell, of Elizabethton, Tennessee, was killed in action on December 7, 1941, while serving his country in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Campbell served on the USS Oklahoma at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, at age 20, Campbell lost his life in the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, during this attack, the USS Oklahoma was attacked by multiple torpedoes which caused the battleship to sink and resulted in the deaths of 429 crewman; and

WHEREAS, after 76 years, Campbell's remains were identified thanks to the efforts of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA); and

WHEREAS, Campbell's remains will be returned to his native state and laid to rest in Tennessee on October 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Navy Seaman 2nd Class Campbell's extraordinary valor and service has been shared all over the country for decades, and we are grateful to finally welcome home this hero;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim October 12, 2018, as a

*Day of Mourning in Tennessee in remembrance of
Navy Seaman 2nd Class William Campbell*

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 twelfth day of October, 2018.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Regot in blue ink.

Secretary of State