



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code §15-2-125 states that the governor shall proclaim the eleventh of May each year as Police Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an act of the United States Congress and signed by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, Peace Officers Memorial Day is proclaimed by the president every May 15 and the week for which that date occurs is proclaimed as "Police Week"; and

WHEREAS, we take these opportunities to honor and recognize law enforcement officers in this state for their extraordinary dedication and selfless service; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, across our country, as many as 150 officers laid down their lives and made the ultimate sacrifice to protect their communities; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans are encouraged to support their law enforcement professionals and remember the heroes who have sustained injuries or given their lives to promote the law and protect lives; and

WHEREAS, we will be eternally grateful for the men and women – along with the families who support them - who put on the badge every day and go forth into a dangerous world to serve as our guardians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2019 as

Police 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 first day of May, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Ju Hargett

Secretary of State

