



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**, Private First Class William Delaney of Kingston, Tennessee, then age 24, was killed on November 22, 1944 while serving his country in World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaney served with Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division; and

**WHEREAS**, his foxhole was struck by an enemy artillery shell when his battalion engaged with German defenders near Grosshau in the Hürtgen Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, his remains will be returned to his native state and laid at rest at Lawnville Cemetery in Kingston, Tennessee on May 27, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, we are grateful to finally welcome home this brave soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 26, 2019 as a

*Day of Mourning in Remembrance of  
Private First Class William Delaney*

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-first day of May, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Ju Hargett*

Secretary of State