



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, seventy-five years ago, before the sun rose above the horizon's line on Normandy Beach, American, British and Canadian forces began a campaign that would change the outcome of World War II; and

WHEREAS, by the end of the day, the French border was under the command of the Allied powers, achieved at the price of over 9,000 American lives; and

WHEREAS, on that unforgiving shore, America and her allies were able to secure a foothold in France, leading to the emancipation of a continent from tyranny and oppression; and

WHEREAS, in spite of mines, sharpened poles and ambushes that awaited the warriors who stormed the beachhead, their commitment to liberty steeled their nerves as they rushed into and over the icy waters of the English Channel; and

WHEREAS, for the more than 150,000 brave souls who charged from sea and dropped from the air to secure the liberation for our allies in the East, their courage will be spoken about for all ages; and

WHEREAS, may we commemorate today with appropriate ceremonies so that we never lose sight of the common cause of freedom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2019 as

D-Day Remembrance 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 fifth day of June, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Ruggitt

Secretary of State

