



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 15-2-101 states that it is the duty of the Governor to proclaim June 3 as a Special Day of Observance for Memorial or Confederate Decoration Day; and

WHEREAS, after the conclusion of the Civil War, groups of ladies in the south, of their own accord, engaged in efforts to decorate the graves of the fallen as a way to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice during these battles; and

WHEREAS, by the late 1860's, this movement spread and observances became known as a "Decoration Day", as the graves of soldiers were cleaned and decorated to give these burial places their proper respect;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, pursuant to statute, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2019 as

Confederate Decoration 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 third day of June, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Hargett

Secretary of State

