



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the World War II generation has been called the “Greatest Generation,” that description comes as no surprise in understanding what was willingly endured and offered up to ensure the triumph over evil and the defense of our way of life; and

WHEREAS, the attack on Pearl Harbor was the catalyst that fueled the American Spirit to secure the freedom of millions around the World; and

WHEREAS, at 7:55 am on December 7th, 1941, the silence of Sunday morning was fragmented by Imperial Japan, our isolationist approach was discarded and our nation was thrust into World War II; and

WHEREAS, the chaos that ensued that morning left 18 ships of war and 347 airplanes destroyed or damaged, 2,403 dead and 1,178 wounded; and

WHEREAS, the crystal waters of Pearl Harbor have been the resting place of sailors and Marines aboard the USS Arizona, USS Utah, and USS Oklahoma for over three-quarters of a century; and

WHEREAS, let us honor their memory and their sacrifice and the resilience of the survivors as we commemorate this fateful day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2020 as

Pearl Harbor 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 ninth day of November, 2020.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State