



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in combat across all branches of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation from Congress creating the Medal of Honor in 1861 with the first Medal being awarded in 1863; and

WHEREAS, fewer than four thousand individuals have received this highest honor across our nation's history, including 38 from Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, our country has celebrated National Medal of Honor Day on March 25 since the holiday was first created by Congress and signed into law in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans are deeply patriotic and have a strong history of supporting the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces;

WHEREAS, the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation established a national Moment of Honor in 2020 to encourage all Americans to pause, reflect and pay tribute to these heroes; and

WHEREAS, this Moment of Honor, a time to remember those past and honor those living recipients of the Medal of Honor, will occur at 3:25 P.M. on March 25, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2021 as

Medal of Honor 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 eighteenth day of February, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State

