



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 paid the ultimate price in defense of our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, we also remember the families who have lost their loved ones in combat; and

WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Ryan C. Knauss of Corryton, Tennessee, was one such brave Tennessean who life was cut short while serving his country in Kabul, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Knauss was among 13 servicemembers who were killed in a terrorist attack at Hamid Karzai International Airport on August 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Knauss, age 23, was assigned to the 9th PSYOP Battalion, 8th PSYOP Group stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, with a heart to serve his country, he joined the U.S. Army after graduating from Gibbs High School; and

WHEREAS, his valorous service earned him receipt of the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, and National Defense Service Medal;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2021 as a

*Day of Mourning in Remembrance of
Staff Sergeant Ryan C. Knauss*

and encourage all citizens to join me in this solemn 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 second day of September, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State