



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1941, more than 3,500 Americans serving the United States military stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, were killed or wounded in an unprovoked attack by the Air and Naval forces of Imperial Japan; and

WHEREAS, more than seventy-one years ago, during a horrible surprise attack, these courageous patriots gave the ultimate sacrifice in preserving our Nation's freedoms; and

WHEREAS, with fierce determination to fortify our Nation's spirit, to preserve our freedoms, to defeat tyranny and to promote democracy, Americans all across the country banded together in steadfast resolve to support our military both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the images of burning battleships and the grief for lives lost will forever remain in our memory, a tragedy that President Franklin D. Roosevelt called a "date which will live in infamy;" and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Public Law 103 308, as amended, has designated December 7th of each year as "National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day;" and

WHEREAS, today we recognize and honor those brave heroes who died and demonstrate our deepest gratitude and admiration for their sacrifice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2012 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 7th day of December, 2012.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Mangatt".

Secretary of State