



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, at 7:55 am on December 7, 1941, the silence of Sunday morning was fragmented when the Imperial Japanese Navy attacked our forces on the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor leaving 2,403 Americans dead and much of our Nation's Pacific Fleet destroyed; and

**WHEREAS**, the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor led to the United States' entrance into World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, today we remember the "Greatest Generation," who showed great courage and resolve to secure the freedom of millions around the world; 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 80 years; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor these patriots and commemorate the valor of all those who served; and

**WHEREAS**, we are eternally grateful for members of our Nation's military and their families, who freely risk all for the benefit of others;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2023, 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 twenty-ninth day of November, 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Hargett*

Secretary of State