



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in the early morning of Sunday, December 7, 1941, hundreds of Japanese fighter planes simultaneously attacked the naval base at Pearl Harbor, military airfields and installations near Honolulu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, this surprise and unprovoked attack resulted in 2,403 American casualties, including 68 civilians and 1,178 military and civilian wounded in what was the start of a long and terrible war; and

WHEREAS, inspired by grief and with fierce determination, an entire generation of Americans rose with a steadfast resolve to defend and protect the freedoms on which this Nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 1941, referring to the horrific images of burning battleships and the palpable anguish for lives lost, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt appeared before a joint session and declared the tragic events as "a date which will live in infamy", and asked Congress to approve a resolution recognizing the state of war between the United States and Japan; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Public Law 103-308, as amended, has designated December 7, 2013, as "National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day;" and

WHEREAS, we honor those brave Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our great Nation, and we recognize those Veterans who with strength and resolve advanced the cause of freedom during World War II;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2013 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 first day of November, 2013.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, the Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State