



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, seventy years ago, on a quiet Sunday morning on December 7, 1941, America was attacked by the Air and Naval forces of Imperial Japan; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,500 Americans were killed or wounded during this surprise attack against our United States Military forces stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, while war was waging around the globe, this attack effectively ended American isolationism and thrust our Nation into action; and

WHEREAS, the battle marked our entry into World War II and fired the American spirit with determination that freedom would not fall to tyranny; and

WHEREAS, in the months and years that followed, Americans all across the country responded to Pearl Harbor with firm resolve, many joining our Armed Forces to defend our shores and our freedom; 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, on this date, we pay tribute to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and we honor all those who selflessly served our Nation at home and abroad;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2011 as

NATIONAL 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 5th day of December, 2011.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Julie Bergitt in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State