



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on Sunday, December 7, 1941, at 7:55 am, the Japanese sent the first of two waves consisting of over 180 airplanes and 5 midget submarines in a surprise attack on the naval base and military airfields and installations at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, before our men and women were able to raise our national ensign or play the first note of morning colors, 21 ships within the U.S. Pacific fleet were sunk or damaged and 347 aircraft were destroyed or damaged ; and

WHEREAS, America lost over 2,300 of her soldiers, sailors, and marines, of whom 1,177 were killed on the USS Arizona, as well as over 60 civilians in less than two hours time ; and

WHEREAS, the motto "Remember Pearl Harbor" was adopted in the months following the attack and thousands of young Americans enlisted in the military; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 1994, the United States Congress designated December 7 of each year as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day by Public Law 103-308; and

WHEREAS, as a nation, we must never forget the courage, determination, or unbreakable spirit of that generation who fought and persevered through the tragedy of Pearl Harbor to ultimately claim victory over those evil entities who strove to destroy us; and

WHEREAS, we must remember our brothers and sisters who made the greatest sacrifice that fateful day and are still entombed within the land and waters of Pearl Harbor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2014 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 twentieth day of November, 2014.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of John R. Hargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State