



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, before the first notes of reveille could play on the morning of Sunday, December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the Imperial Japanese Navy launched a surprise attack that would shatter the peace that had been known since the first world war; and

**WHEREAS**, when the first wave of airplanes finally turned back towards their carriers, the devastation they left behind of sunken ships and burning airplanes would fuel the American Spirit for years to come; and

**WHEREAS**, after the second wave of airplanes departed the scene of their crime, the loss of life was staggering and the wounded overwhelming; and

**WHEREAS**, once the United States was thrust into World War II following the attack on the Hawaiian Island, thousands of men and women enlisted in the military as the cry "Remember Pearl Harbor" resonated in the air; and

**WHEREAS**, in the days, months and years that followed that "Day of Infamy" the purpose, courage, and esprit de corps demonstrated by our nation carried us on to victory over our enemies; and

**WHEREAS**, as we commemorate this infamous day in history, we must also bear in mind those that are still entombed in the shallow waters of the harbor and in unnamed graves at the National Cemetery who made the ultimate sacrifice that tragic day; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2015 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 second day of November, 2015.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

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Secretary of State