



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, in cities and towns throughout this great country, Americans will join together on May 28, 2012, to honor the fallen heroes of our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was established as a national holiday in 1868 to pay tribute to those who died serving our country; and

WHEREAS, through the generations, on home soil and in foreign lands, lost at sea or brought down from the skies, our young men and women in uniform have given their lives to keep their promise to America: to defend our freedom, to preserve our values, and to advance the ideals of democracy; and

WHEREAS, on this Memorial Day, we too have promises to keep: to remember and honor all those gallant Americans who, in the eloquent words of President Abraham Lincoln, "gave the last full measure of devotion" for the well-being of our Nation and their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, to express our profound sympathy and gratitude to the families who have lost their sons and daughters in service to America; to keep faith with all those who have died for our country by remaining forever vigilant in our defense of freedom and democracy; and to always work for permanent peace in the world so that a new generation of Americans will never have to know the horrors of war.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by 4 U.S.C. § 7(m), as amended on June 29, 2007, and the laws and Constitution of the State of Florida, do hereby:

1. Proclaim May 28, 2012, as Memorial Day in Florida in recognition of all those who have made the supreme sacrifice in past conflicts;
2. Ask all residents of Florida to pause for a moment of silence at noon on May 28, 2012; and
3. Direct all National and State flags in Florida to be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until noon on May 28, 2012, in memory of the fallen heroes of our Armed Forces.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 25th day of May 2012.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE