



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, the last Monday in May is set aside to not just mourn those we have lost, but to celebrate them for making the ultimate sacrifice for the greatest cause that a country has ever pursued: one nation, united under God as one people created equal so that we all might live in the land of the free because of the brave; and

WHEREAS, our grateful Nation honors their selfless service and sacrifice, and we acknowledge a debt of gratitude beyond our capability to repay; and

WHEREAS, with 1.5 million Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces currently residing in the Sunshine State, Florida is the most veteran-friendly state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, it is important to show our gratitude for all Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners who died in the service of our Nation that we might continue to enjoy the liberties we so deeply cherish; and

WHEREAS, from the war to establish this country, the fight of all fights to keep this new nation conceived in liberty united as one, and the World Wars that sent our men beyond our borders to help those who couldn't help themselves, America's heroes have fought for the values and beliefs that make our country admired around the world; and

WHEREAS, on Memorial Day, as throughout the year, we honor and pray for our Gold Star Families and show our respect for the sacrifices their family members in uniform made through the flying of the Honor and Remember Flag; and

WHEREAS, from the battlefields of the Revolution and the Civil War to the beaches of Normandy and the Pacific, our countrymen fought for a nation that stands for liberty; and

WHEREAS, every grave across our state and country that memorializes a soldier also represents the ultimate fight to ensure the vision our Founding Fathers engraved on the Liberty Bell with a verse from Leviticus: Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, the nation's first Memorial Day was held in 1868 to honor those who dedicated their lives to form a new Republic, marking 2022 as the 154th Anniversary of this honored tradition; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Floridians to participate in ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support, and recognize the contribution of our fallen warriors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, 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 Monday, May 30, 2022, as Memorial Day in Florida in recognition of all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation; and**
- 2. Ask all residents of Florida to pause for a moment of silence at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 30, 2022; and**
- 3. Direct all National and State flags in Florida to be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until noon on Monday, May 30, 2022, 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 30th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE