



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**WHEREAS, the last Monday in May is set aside to mourn our fallen heroes who answered the call of duty and made the ultimate sacrifice to maintain the security of our Nation and the liberties we hold so dear; and**

**WHEREAS, since our first Memorial Day in 1868, we have honored the selfless service and sacrifice of those who have fallen and acknowledge a debt of gratitude beyond our capability to repay; and**

**WHEREAS, we are grateful for the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Guardians, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners who died in the service of our Nation that we might continue to enjoy the freedoms we so deeply cherish; 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, with 1.5 million Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces currently residing in the Sunshine State, Florida is recognized as the most veteran-friendly state in the Nation; and**


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

**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 29, 2023, 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 29, 2023; and**
- 3. Direct all National and State flags in Florida to be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until noon on Monday, May 29, 2023, 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-three.**

  
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GOVERNOR

**ATTEST:**

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE