



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY: DECEMBER 7, 2023

WHEREAS, on the morning of December 7, 1941, the Empire of Japan attacked U.S. naval and air forces at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,400 American lives were lost in the sudden attack that Sunday morning, leading to America's entry into World War II; and

WHEREAS, more than 248,000 Floridians served in uniform during World War II, and thousands more contributed to the war effort by working on the home front; and

WHEREAS, December 7, 2023, marks the 82nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, which affords us an opportunity to honor our state's 14,000 living World War II veterans; and

WHEREAS, commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor instills a greater understanding and appreciation of the selfless sacrifice of the men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Public Law 103-308, as amended, has designated December 7 of each year as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby direct the flags of the United States and the State of Florida to be flown at half-staff at all local and state buildings, installations, and grounds throughout the State of Florida on Thursday, December 7, 2023. In addition, I encourage all people of our state to observe National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities to remember and honor those who died in defense of our freedom on December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor.



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 7th day of December, in the year two thousand twenty-three.



Governor

ATTEST:



Secretary of State