



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**PULSE REMEMBRANCE DAY IN FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2016, an ISIS-inspired terrorist targeted Florida and Orlando's Pulse Nightclub, taking 49 innocent lives in what will forever be remembered as a senseless and hateful act, and one of the darkest moments in our state's history; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida will not tolerate hatred towards the LGBTQ and Hispanic communities, and together we stand united against terrorism and hate of any kind; and

WHEREAS, our state and nation honor and remember the lives of Stanley Almodovar III, Amanda L. Alvear, Oscar A. Aracena-Montero, Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, Antonio Davon Brown, Darryl Roman Burt II, Angel Candelario-Padro, Juan Chavez Martinez, Luis Daniel Conde, Cory James Connell, Tevin Eugene Crosby, Deonka Deidra Drayton, Simón Adrian Carrillo Fernández, Leroy Valentin Fernandez, Mercedes Marisol Flores, Peter Ommy Gonzalez-Cruz, Juan Ramon Guerrero, Paul Terrell Henry, Frank Hernandez, Miguel Angel Honorato, Javier Jorge-Reyes, Jason Benjamin Josaphat, Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, Anthony Luis Laureano Disla, Christopher Andrew Leinonen, Alejandro Barrios Martinez, Brenda Lee Marquez McCool, Gilberto R. Silva Menendez, Kimberly Jean Morris, Akyra Monet Murray, Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez, Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, Joel Rayon Paniagua, Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, Enrique L. Rios, Jr., Jean Carlos Nieves Rodriguez, Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado, Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, Yilmery Rodriguez Solivan, Edward Sotomayor Jr., Shane Evan Tomlinson, Martin Benitez Torres, Jonathan A. Camuy Vega, Juan Pablo Rivera Velázquez, Luis Sergio Vielma, Franky Jimmy DeJesus Velázquez, Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, and Jerald Arthur Wright; and

WHEREAS, our law enforcement, medical personnel, and first responders demonstrated tremendous courage as they risked their lives in defense and arrived on the scene within minutes to protect and defend the injured and victims of the shooting; and

WHEREAS, we continue to pray for the victims, survivors, family, and friends of all those lost and will always remember that the Orlando Community and all Floridians stand united and resilient in the face of great tragedy.

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. Acknowledge and observe June 12th as Pulse Remembrance Day in Florida in recognition of the 49 innocent lives lost in the horrific attack on Pulse Nightclub in 2016; and
2. Ask all residents of Florida to pause for a moment of silence at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 12, 2021; and
3. Direct all State flags in Florida to be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Saturday, June 12, 2021.



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 11th day of June, 2021.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE