



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY: DECEMBER 7, 2020**

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1941, Japanese naval and air forces launched a surprise attack on U.S. Army and Navy installations in the Hawaiian Islands; and

WHEREAS, the attack on that Sunday morning cost the lives of more than 2,400 American service members and facilitated the entry of the United States into World War II; and

WHEREAS, the selfless service and sacrifice of the 248,000 Floridians who fought in World War II are recognized and honored by members of subsequent generations; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Florida's youth, our greatest resource, understand and recognize the service and sacrifices made by members of the Greatest Generation in hopes that they will be inspired; and

WHEREAS, Florida continues to honor through services, benefits and support the more than 31,000 World War II veterans who currently reside in the Sunshine State; and

WHEREAS, Florida's permanent memorial to its World War II veterans was dedicated in 2005, and is located in the capital city of Tallahassee; and

WHEREAS, December 7, 2020, is the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of what President Franklin D. Roosevelt called in his address to a joint session of Congress a "date which will live in infamy;" 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, from sunrise to sunset, on Monday, December 7, 2020. 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year two thousand twenty.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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