



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

151st ANNIVERSARY OF MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, on Monday, May 27, 2019, Americans will join together to honor the fallen heroes of our Armed Forces on the 151st Anniversary of Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, in May 1868, Major General John A. Logan called for a nationwide day of remembrance to pay tribute to those who gave their lives serving our country, which would officially be designated Memorial Day by Congress; and

WHEREAS, Florida has the third largest veteran population in the United States with over 1.5 million veterans of the United States Armed Forces currently residing here; and

WHEREAS, our men and women in uniform have sacrificed their lives to maintain the security of our great Nation and the liberties we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of one's life to serve and protect our country is the highest form of patriotism; and

WHEREAS, members of our Armed Forces continue to work toward peace and prosperity in the world so that future generations of Americans will always have the freedoms that this Nation has afforded to them; and

WHEREAS, we must pledge to never forget the men and women of the Armed Forces who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defending our freedoms; we should express our gratitude and sympathy to the families of our fallen warriors; we must remember all those who have died for our great Nation and honor those who continue to serve our Nation every day;

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 27, 2019, 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 27, 2019; and
3. Direct all National and State flags in Florida to be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until noon on Monday, May 27, 2019, in memory of the fallen heroes of our Armed Forces.



ATTEST:

Laurel M. Bee
SECRETARY OF STATE

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 24th day of May, 2019.

Ron DeSantis
GOVERNOR