



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**153<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MEMORIAL DAY**

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, the last Monday in May is set aside each year to honor our service men and women who answered the call of duty and made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our great Nation; and

WHEREAS, the 153<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Memorial Day will fall on Monday, May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, with 1.5 million veterans living in our great state, Florida is recognized as one of the most military and veteran friendly states in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, our country remains the land of the free because of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners, many of whom have paid the ultimate sacrifice and have made our state and Nation immensely proud; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is an important opportunity to honor our Gold Star families; the Honor and Remember flag is flown to embody the respect and gratitude our state has for these families; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is an opportunity to honor the men and women of the Armed Forces who bravely defend our freedoms while remembering all those who have died for our great Nation.

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 31, 2021, 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 31, 2021; and
3. Direct all National and State flags in Florida to be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until noon on Monday, May 31, 2021, 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-one.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

  
SECRETARY OF STATE