



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

MEMORIAL DAY IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the last Monday in May is set aside to honor our fallen heroes who answered the call of duty and made the ultimate sacrifice to maintain the security of our nation and the liberties we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, since our first Memorial Day in 1868, we have honored the selfless service and sacrifice of those who have fallen in the line of duty and acknowledge a debt of gratitude beyond our capability to repay; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful for the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Guardians, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners who died in the service of our nation that we might continue to enjoy the freedoms we so deeply cherish; and

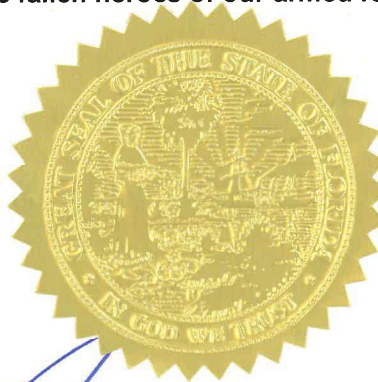
WHEREAS, on Memorial Day, as throughout the year, we honor and pray for our Gold Star Families and show our respect for the sacrifices their family members in uniform made through the flying of the Honor and Remember flag; and

WHEREAS, with nearly 1.4 million Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces residing in the Sunshine State, Florida is recognized as the most veteran-friendly state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Floridians to participate in appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate gratitude and recognize the contribution of our fallen warriors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me do hereby:

1. Proclaim Monday, May 25, 2026, 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 25, 2026; and
3. Direct all national and state flags in Florida to be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until noon on Monday, May 25, 2026, in memory of the fallen heroes of our armed forces.



IN WITNESS 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 18th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-six.

ATTEST:


Secretary of State


Governor