



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY; DECEMBER 7, 2013**

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy," Japanese forces launched a surprise attack on U.S. naval and air forces stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,400 American lives were lost in the sudden attack that Sunday morning, and a major portion of the United States Navy's Pacific Fleet was destroyed; and

WHEREAS, the attack on Pearl Harbor led to America's entry into World War II; and

WHEREAS, the stories of bravery and selflessness surrounding the attack on Pearl Harbor instill a greater understanding and appreciation for the selfless sacrifice of those who served in the United States Armed Forces during World War II; and

WHEREAS, December 7, 2013, marks the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida values and encourages the efforts of the *Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors* to keep their parents' legacy, bravery, and heroism in the minds of all Floridians; and

WHEREAS, this 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary marks a time for communities, individuals, and organizations to assemble across our great nation and throughout the State of Florida to carry out charitable acts, to pray, and to uplift one another as we honor and remember those who lost their lives on December 7, 1941; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, by Public Law 103-308, as amended, has designated December 7 of each year as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, 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 Saturday, December 7, 2013. In addition, I encourage all people of our great state to observe this 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013.

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Ken Retzner, written in a cursive style.  
SECRETARY OF STATE