State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the last Monday in May is set aside to mourn those who gave their lives in service to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, our service men and women answered the call of duty and made the ultimate sacrifice to maintain the security of our country and the liberties we hold so dear, and

WHEREAS, our Nation is honor-bound to remember those who died on distant shores defending our Nation and our way of life; and

WHEREAS, millions of Floridians were the uniforms of the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century with tens of thousands giving their lives while serving; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.5 million veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States currently reside in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Veteran Service Organizations continue to foster the tradition of honoring and remembering the Nation's war dead; 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 to the perpetuation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, our grateful Nation honors their selfless service, and we acknowledge a debt of honor beyond our capability to repay; and

WHEREAS, it is important for us as a community, state and country to show our gratitude for all our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners who died in the service of our Nation that we might continue to enjoy the liberties we so deeply cherish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize May 25, 2015, as

MEMORIAL DAY

and encourage all Floridians to learn about the history of Memorial Day and call upon local communities to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support and recognize the contribution of our fallen warriors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet ask all Floridians to pause for one minute and observe the National Moment of Remembrance to honor America's fallen at 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day and urge the media to participate in these observances.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee this 5th day of May, 2015.

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