



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

BATTLE OF THE BULGE DAY

WHEREAS, the Battle of the Bulge was fought in eastern Belgium and northern Luxembourg during World War II between December 16, 1944 and January 25, 1945; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of the Bulge was the last major German offensive on the Western Front, which was intended to split Allied forces in Europe by breaking through their lines and exacerbating tensions within the alliance; and

WHEREAS, approximately 600,000 American troops participated in the Battle of the Bulge, overcoming numerous disadvantages in the early days of the battle; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of the Bulge resulted in 81,000 American casualties, including the death of approximately 19,000 American soldiers, many of whom were Floridians; and

WHEREAS, the veterans of the Battle of the Bulge will mark the 72nd anniversary of the battle in 2016 with ceremonies to honor those who sacrificed so much for our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing December 16, 2016, as *Battle of the Bulge Day*.



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 17th day of November, in the year two thousand sixteen.


Governor