

## 2010 Memorial Day 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 wore 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**, 1.7 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 pray for the families of the fallen and show our respect for the contributions these service members 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 31, 2010, as

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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 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.