

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the fundamental rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness have been courageously protected by millions of Americans willing to give their lives so that others may be free; and

WHEREAS, on the 155th observance of Memorial Day — once known as Decoration Day — we ask that Americans pause to give thanks for the brave men and women who died to preserve our freedom; and

WHEREAS, more than 70,000 Americans from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have given the last full measure of devotion for this country since it first proclaimed itself an independent nation in 1776; and

WHEREAS, many of these patriots are interred with comrades in hallowed memorial grounds throughout the world—in simple country plots, urban memorial parks, unmarked graves, and among friends and family; and

WHEREAS, on Memorial Day, and every day, we thank them for their sacrifice and acknowledge our eternal debt to them, and through their deeds, we have learned to appreciate the freedoms that are the legacy of their sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, a new generation of men and women in uniform have faced, and continue to face, their own “great task remaining before us,” throughout the world. The proud contingent who today wears America’s uniform is tied to all other veterans by the same ethic of service in the name of freedom; and

WHEREAS, today we gather to demonstrate our unity, remember our losses, and ask that all citizens of the Commonwealth recognize our unwavering commitment to a future filled with opportunity, justice, and hope for all people.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2023 to be

MEMORIAL DAY

I urge all Pennsylvanians to join with others across the United States to show our gratitude as we reflect on those who made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our freedom.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-sixth day of April two thousand twenty-three, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-seventh.

Governor Josh Shapiro