



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

BATTLE OF THE BULGE DAY IN FLORIDA

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

WHEREAS, the World War II battle was the last major German offensive on the Western Front, intended to split Allied forces in two, cripple fuel and supply lines, and exacerbate tensions between Allied leaders; and

WHEREAS, ground captured by German forces early in the battle had been retaken by January 1945, resulting in a collapse of the Western Front, contributing to the fall of the Third Reich five months later; and

WHEREAS, approximately 600,000 American troops participated in the Battle of the Bulge, overcoming numerous disadvantages in the early days of the battle, including fewer troops, treacherous terrain, and bitter weather conditions; 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 few surviving veterans of the Battle of the Bulge and their families will mark the 78th anniversary of the battle with solemn observances to honor those who sacrificed so much for our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing December 16, 2022, as *Battle of the Bulge Day in Florida*.



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 16th day of December, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



Governor