WHEREAS, June 6, 2019, marks the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings and the Battle of Normandy, as well as the beginning of the end of World War II in Europe; and

WHEREAS, on D-Day an estimated 156,000 American, British, and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of heavily fortified coast of France’s Normandy region, resulting in one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history; and

WHEREAS, our soldiers showed courage, dedication, compassion, and self-sacrifice as they fought to bring freedom to the world and end the horrors of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, more than 400,000 Americans gave their lives in the service of their country during World War II with 6,600 casualties on D-Day; and

WHEREAS, Florida is proudly home to more than 61,000 World War II Veterans and they continue to inspire our nation; and

WHEREAS, Florida joins France and other nations in commemorating the heroes who fought and lost their lives during the summer of 1944.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing June 6, 2019, as Florida’s Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of D-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 6th day of June, in the year two thousand nineteen.