



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

## Flags at Half-Staff in Honor of Military Members Killed in Tennessee Shooting

WHEREAS, in order to prevent any future planned attacks by ISIS or other terrorist organizations against our military personnel, I directed Florida Adjutant General Michael Calhoun to take three immediate actions:

- Relocate all Florida National Guard personnel at the state's six storefront recruitment centers to the nearest Florida National Guard Armory until there are recommendations made to improve the security of store-front recruitment centers; and
- Begin discussions with local law enforcement agencies to arrange regular security checks for Florida National Guard Armories; and
- Ensure that all qualified fulltime guardsmen are adequately armed for their personal protection; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, July 16th in Chattanooga, Tennessee, five members of the United States military were targeted and murdered, along with others injured, in what some U.S. officials are calling an act of domestic terrorism at a United States Armed Services recruiting center and a Naval Reserve Facility; and

WHEREAS, the five service members who lost their lives at the hands of evil on Thursday include four members of the United States Marines: Gunnery Sergeant Thomas Sullivan, Lance Corporal Squire "Skip" Wells, Staff Sergeant David Wyatt, Sergeant Carson Holmquist; and United States Navy Petty Officer Randall Smith; and

WHEREAS, we must recognize our brave Florida men and women in uniform any and every way we can, and we continue to mourn the loss of American heroes in Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by 4 U.S.C. § 7(m), as amended on June 29, 2007, and the laws and Constitution of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim and direct as follows:

1. All National and State flags throughout the state of Florida shall be flown at half-staff effective immediately, in honor of the United States military members who lost their lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
2. Flags shall remain at half-staff until sunset on the day of the final military member's date of interment.



IN TESTIMONY 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 20th day of July, 2015.

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A black ink signature of Ken Detzner, written in a cursive style.  
SECRETARY OF STATE