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By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, Memorial Day honors the men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, originally known as Decoration Day, the first official Memorial Day was proclaimed by General John Logan in honor of the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers and was observed on May 30, 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, during World War I, Memorial Day evolved to pay tribute to all American military personnel who died in service to our country. Beginning in 1971, the last Monday in May was designated as Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces protect our nation and allies. On Memorial Day, we should also honor the bravery and courage of members of the Armed Forces who are currently serving our nation; and

WHEREAS, as we recognize this day of honor for the veterans who have served in our Armed Forces, let us express our sincere and earnest gratitude for their extraordinary contributions and sacrifices; now

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim May 25, 2015, as

MEMORIAL DAY

in the State of Connecticut and encourage all citizens to honor the sacrifices and courage of our veterans by remembering the price of freedom and liberty in the United States and throughout the world.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

GOVERNOR