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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
FROM: Jacob Oliva
DATE: March 1, 2019
SUBJECT: Medal of Honor Day 2019

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I am pleased to announce Florida's observance of Medal of Honor Day 2019. [Section 683.147, Florida Statutes \(F.S.\)](#), designates March 25 of each year as Medal of Honor Day.

In accordance with [s. 1003.42, F.S.](#), in order to encourage patriotism, instruction incorporating the sacrifices that veterans and Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving our country and protecting democratic values worldwide must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day. Members of the instructional staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

The Governor has issued a proclamation calling upon public officials, schools, private organizations and all residents of the state to commemorate Medal of Honor Day and honor recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who distinguished themselves through their conspicuous bravery and gallantry during wartime and at considerable risk to their own lives, while serving as members of the United States Armed Forces. A copy of the Governor's proclamation is attached.

Your support of the activities planned by your district is needed to make Medal of Honor Day in Florida a success.

If you have additional questions, please contact Michael DiPierro in the Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support at 850-245-9773 or by email at Michael.DiPierro@fldoe.org.

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Attachment

cc: Social Studies Supervisors

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