



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri  
**Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the June 6, 1944 D-Day Invasion of France ended with some of the highest losses ever suffered in combat by the United States Army and Navy in World War II; and

WHEREAS, *Exercise Tiger* was the code name of one of the secret military full-scale rehearsals for the D-Day invasion, conducted along the southern coast of England and involved over 30,000 United States Army and Navy personnel, as well as British forces; and

WHEREAS, during this staging in the English Channel, on April 28, 1944, eight tank landing ships (LSTs) carrying American troops were unexpectedly attacked by German Naval Forces; and

WHEREAS, the aftermath of the German attack left two American LSTs sunk, a third crippled and 749 soldiers dead, including 201 soldiers from the state of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the courageous servicemen who participated in *Exercise Tiger* made great sacrifices to achieve victory and preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy for this great country;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matt Blunt, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2008 as

**EXERCISE TIGER DAY**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Blunt".