

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor

Office of the Governor

*** SPIRIT OF '45 DAY ***

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1945, the people of the United States received word of the end of World War II and people and greeted the news of the noble Allied victory with joyous celebration, humility, and spiritual reflection; and

WHEREAS, the victory marked the culmination of an unprecedented national effort that defeated the forces of aggression, brought freedom to subjugated nations, and ended the horrors of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, these historic accomplishments were achieved through the service and personal sacrifice of the people of the United States, both in uniform and at home, and the more than 400,000 Americans and 1,892 Arizonans who gave their lives in service to their country during World War II; and

WHEREAS, the courage, dedication, self-sacrifice, and compassion of the "ordinary heroes" of the World War II generation continue to inspire our nation and our men and women currently serving in uniform around the world protecting our country; and

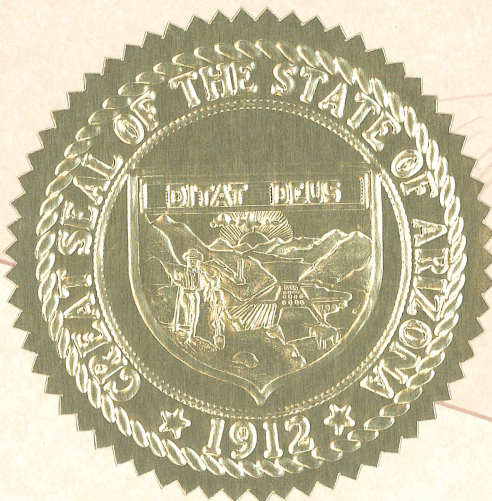
WHEREAS, the entire World War II generation, military and civilian alike, provides a model of national unity that continues to be a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Americans to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 16, 2015 as

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and I further call upon all Arizonans to remember the sacrifice, deeds, courage, and commitment of all those of the World War II generation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this first day of July in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

Secretary of State