

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The people of the State of Arkansas honor the 194,645 Arkansans who served in the Armed Forces during World War II, remember the 3,519 who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives and thank the men and women who worked to protect our country; and

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

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

WHEREAS: August 14, 1945 not only marked the end of the war, but also the beginning of an era of rebuilding, during which the World War II generation created an array of organizations that helped to strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism and service to community and country; and

WHEREAS: The entire World War II generation, military personnel and civilian alike, has provided a model of unity and community that serves as a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Americans to come together to work for the continued betterment of the United States and the world; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim August 9 through August 16, 2015, as

WWII 70TH ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT OF '45 COMMEMORATIVE WEEK

and August 14, 2015, as

SPIRIT OF '45 DAY

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to honor the Arkansans who served in the Armed Forces during World War II, remember the Arkansans who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives and thank the men and women who worked to protect our nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 26th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2015.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State