



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

*W*HEREAS, throughout history, the United States has been called upon to defend its shores and those of its allies from the forces of aggression. It is our responsibility to honor the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces and express sincere and earnest gratitude for their unselfish contributions to freedom; and

*W*HEREAS, the people of the State of Connecticut honor the Connecticut Citizens who served in our military during World War II and the 4,347 Connecticut Citizens who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives to protect the freedom of others and to preserve this great nation; and

*W*HEREAS, 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 somber reflection; and

*W*HEREAS, 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

*W*HEREAS, these historic accomplishments were achieved through the collective service and personal sacrifice of the people of the United States, including both those who served in uniform and those who supported them on the home front; and

*W*HEREAS, the courage, dedication, self-sacrifice, and compassion of the World War II generation preserved democracy and rebuilt the postwar world, leaving behind a legacy of service and selflessness that have inspired and sustained our nation; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the week of August 16-23, 2015, as

**WWII 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT OF '45 WEEK**  
in the State of Connecticut.



  
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