


State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

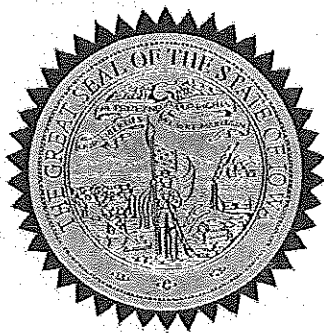
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the people of the state of Iowa honor the 262,638 Iowans who served in all branches of our military during World War II and the 8,398 who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives to gain the freedom of others and preserve this great nation; 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,** 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
- WHEREAS,** more than 400,000 Americans gave their lives in service to their country during World War II; and
- WHEREAS,** the courage, dedication, self-sacrifice and compassion of the World War II generation have inspired subsequent generations in the United States Armed Forces, including those currently in service in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2010, the United States Congress voted unanimously to set aside the second Sunday of every August as Spirit of '45 Day to commemorate the end of the war, and to honor the men and women of the "Greatest Generation," who achieved victory for their country:

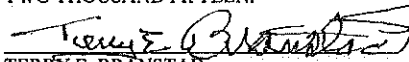
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the week of August 16-23, 2015, as

SPIRIT OF '45 COMMEMORATIVE WEEK

in honor of the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 16TH DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE