



*Proclamation*  
*In Recognition of*  
**The 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 greeted the news of the Allies' noble victory with joyous celebration, humility, and spiritual reflection; and

**WHEREAS**, this 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 collective service and personal sacrifice of the people of the United States, both those who served in uniform and those who supported them on the home front, and the nearly 300,000 Americans who gave their lives in service to their country during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, August 14, 1945, not only marks the end of the war, but also the beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding led by the United States to restore the societies of both their allies and former foes, and the formation of an array of organizations and institutions that helped strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism, and service to one's community and country; and

**WHEREAS**, the courage, dedication, self-sacrifice, and compassion of the "ordinary heroes" of the World War II generation continues to inspire our nation, especially the men and women who currently serve and protect our country around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire World War II generation, military and civilian alike, has provided a model of national unity and community that continues to serve as a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Americans to come together to work for the continued prosperity of the United States and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i supports a national "Spirit of '45 Day" of commemoration to be held annually on the second Sunday of every August;

**THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 16, 2015, as**

**"WWII 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT OF '45  
COMMEMORATIVE DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in this observance.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this fourteenth day of August 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i