

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Illinois honor the 16.1 million Americans who served in the Armed Forces during World War II, remember the 292,000 Americans who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives and thank the men and women who worked to protect the United States; 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 accomplishment 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, August 14, 1945, marked not only the end of the war but also the beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding, during with 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 country; and,

WHEREAS, the entire World War II generation, military personnel and civilians 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;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, hereby proclaim August 9-16, 2015 as WWII 70th ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT OF '45 COMMEMORATIVE WEEK in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this _____ THIRD *day of* _____ AUGUST *, in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
_____ FIFTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*
_____ NINETY-SEVENTH *one hundred and* _____ *.*

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR