

State of Maine



**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Maine honor Mainers who served in the Armed Forces during WWII, remember those that made the supreme sacrifice with their lives and the men and women who worked to support their efforts on the home front; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 14, 1945 the people of the United States received word of the end of WWII and greeted the news of victory with joyous celebration; 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 Maine and 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 building, during which the WWII generation created an array of organizations that helped strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism and service to community and country; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire WWII 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 a continued betterment of the United States and the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE**, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim 2015 as the

**70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II**

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this Twenty-third day of July Two Thousand Fifteen



*Paul R. LePage*  
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Governor

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