

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Mississippi honor those who served in the United States Armed Forces during World War II and all those who made the ultimate sacrifice; 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, August 14, 1945, marked not only the end of the war but also the beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding during which the World War II generation created an array of organizations that helped to strengthen American democracy; and

WHEREAS, the entire World War II generation-military personnel and civilians alike - 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:

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi hereby proclaim August 9-16, 2015, as

WWII 70th ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT OF '45 COMMEMORATIVE WEEK

in the State of Mississippi 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 Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 10th day of July in the year of our Lord, two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.



PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR