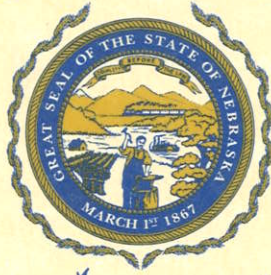


STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

The people of the State of Nebraska honor the 139,745 Nebraskans who served in the Armed Forces during World War II and the 1,465 who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives and the 5,138 wounded 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 in Japan and greeted the news of 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 Nebraska 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 World War II generation created an array of organizations that helped strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism, and service to community, state, and country; and

WHEREAS,

The entire World War II generation, military personnel, and civilians alike, have 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, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of August 9 – 16, 2015 as


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in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Fourteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor