

*The State of New Hampshire  
By Her Excellency  
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor*

*A Proclamation*

**WWII 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT OF '45  
COMMEMORATIVE WEEK  
AUGUST 9 - 16, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, The people of the State of New Hampshire honor the tens of thousands of Granite Staters who served in the Armed Forces during World War II, remember the more than 1,595 Granite Staters who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives, and thank the men and women who worked to protect the American homeland; 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 by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism, and service to foreign countries; 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;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **AUGUST 9 – 16, 2015**, as **WWII 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT OF '45 COMMEMORATIVE WEEK** in the State of New Hampshire and encourage the people of New Hampshire to honor the men and women who worked to protect our country on the home front or aboard during World War II.

Given this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty.

*Maggie Hassan*

Margaret Wood Hassan  
Governor

