



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the face of Nazism and tyranny abroad, more than 560,000 New Jerseyans answered the call to serve in the Armed Forces during WWII, with 10,372 making the supreme sacrifice for their country; and

WHEREAS, the Garden State was a critical center of industrial production, military training and related activities in support of the war effort, with more than three million members of the Armed Forces processed through Fort Dix and Camp Kilmer; and

WHEREAS, by 1945, approximately one million workers were employed in New Jersey industries to fulfill government contracts for the war effort, with many of these jobs being filled by New Jersey women;

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1945, after a hard fought and dedicated effort by all the Allies, the joyous news of victory spread throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the end of the war began the long process of healing and rebuilding from the utter destruction and endless horrors associated with Nazism and tyranny abroad, with the American ideal of democracy at the forefront of this new era; and

WHEREAS, it is important for New Jersey residents to join together with all Americans in expressing their gratitude for the patriotic service of our veterans, who have risked their lives to ensure the safety and security of others around the globe while promoting the sacred principles of liberty and freedom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

AUGUST 9 THROUGH 16, 2015

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**WWII 70TH ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT OF '45
COMMEMORATIVE WEEK**

in New Jersey and urge residents to use this occasion to pay their respect to our noble World War II veterans for their dutiful service to our flag and country.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-second day of July in the year two thousand fifteen, the two hundred fortieth year of the Independence of the United States.


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