



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, GRATEFUL CITIZENS OF NEW MEXICO HONOR THE NEARLY 50,000 NEW MEXICANS WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES DURING WORLD WAR II; AND

WHEREAS, WE REMEMBER THE 2,032 WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE; AND

WHEREAS, ON MAY 8, 1945, THE UNITED STATES RECEIVED WORD OF NAZI GERMANY'S FORMAL, AND UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER, AND GREETED THE NEWS OF THE ALLIED VICTORY WITH JOYOUS CELEBRATION; AND

WHEREAS, THREE MONTHS LATER, ON AUGUST 15, 1945, AMERICANS REJOICED UPON RECEIVING NEWS THAT JAPAN FORMALLY SURRENDERED, THEREBY BRINGING THE WAR TO A CLOSE; AND

WHEREAS, SUCCESS AGAINST THE TYRANNY OF IMPERIAL JAPAN AND NAZI GERMANY WAS ACHIEVED THANKS TO THE COLLECTIVE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES--INCLUDING THOSE WHO SERVED IN UNIFORM, AND THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THEM ON THE HOME FRONT; AND

WHEREAS, THE END OF THE WAR SIGNALLED THE BEGINNING OF AN UNPRECEDENTED ERA OF REBUILDING HERE IN AMERICA, DURING WHICH OUR COUNTRY REACHED NEW HEIGHTS BY PROMOTING HARD WORK, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, VOLUNTEERISM, AND CONTINUED MILITARY SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY; AND

WHEREAS, THE WORLD WAR II GENERATION, THE "GREATEST GENERATION," HAS PROVIDED A MODEL THAT SERVES AS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST 9TH, THROUGH THE 16TH, 2015, AS

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

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND ENCOURAGE ALL NEW MEXICANS TO JOIN IN THIS OBSERVANCE.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 2015.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

