



State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENDING OF WORLD WAR II

2015

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2015 is the 70th Anniversary of Victory in Europe and Japan, and the State of North Carolina is proud to commemorate this milestone and to recognize the men and women whose bravery and sacrifices helped put an end to tyranny and injustice across the globe; and

WHEREAS, during WWII, North Carolina was home to 24 military installations that trained and housed troops who served from all branches of the military, including Camp Battle, Camp Butner, Camp Davis, Fort Bragg, Camp Sutton, Elizabeth City Coast Guard Air Station, Charlotte Quartermaster Depot, Lake Lure Army Air Force Rest and Rehabilitation Center, Knoll Field, Elizabeth City Marine Corps Station, Morris Field, Pineville Naval Station, Pope Field, Greensboro Overseas Replacement Depot and the Raleigh-Durham Air Field; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina industry contributed by building Liberty Ships at the North Carolina Ship Building Company in Wilmington, the State of North Carolina provided materials to the Armed Forces and more textiles than any other state, the Office of Civilian Defense, trained and prepared citizens in case of attacks, the Office of Price Administration rationed gasoline, rubber, sugar, coffee and building materials, and salvaged rubber, nylon hosiery, paper and metal to support the war effort; and

WHEREAS, nearly 400,000 men and women from across the state enlisted in all branches of the Armed Forces 26,000 WWII Veterans still call North Carolina home and 8,500 who served did not return home; and

WHEREAS, our nation's sovereignty, freedoms and liberties are a direct reflection of the valor and heroism of those who bravely served our country's armed forces; it is our responsibility to continue to honor the legacy of their service; and

WHEREAS, because WWII revealed a darker side of humanity that threatened not only democracy, but civilizations the world over, citizens across North Carolina and our nation rallied together to protect the freedoms we hold dear at home and across the globe; and

WHEREAS, August 14-16, 1945, marked the end to the Second World War and ushered in a new era, but it remains one of our nation's finest moments and is forever remembered as our "Greatest Generation;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 14-16, 2015 in honor of the "70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENDING OF WORLD WAR II" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-ninth 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.





PAT McCRORY
Governor