

Whereas, on August 14, 1945, Americans received word of the conclusion of World War II and greeted news of the Allied victory with jubilant celebration; and

Whereas, 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 historical endeavors were achieved through the collective service and personal sacrifice of the American people including those who served in uniform as well as those who supported the war on the home front; and

Whereas, the conclusion of World War II marked the beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding, during which our country reached new heights by promoting civic engagement, hard work and volunteerism; and

Whereas, the World War II generation, appropriately termed The Greatest Generation, provides a model that serves as inspiration for current and future generations to continue working together for the betterment of society;

Row, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 9th through August 16th, 2015, as

"World War II Anniversary 'Spirit of '45' Commemoration Week"

in the state of Oklahoma.

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