

STATE OF DELAWARE



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF WWII 70TH ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT OF '45 COMMEMORATIVE WEEK

Whereas, the people of the State of Delaware honor the nearly 33,000 Delawareans who served in the Armed Forces during World War II. Remember the 700 Delawareans who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives and thank the men and women who worked to protect the Pacific shore of Delaware; 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 the 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 community country; 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, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
do hereby declare August 9th-16th, 2015

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in the State of Delaware, and urge all Delawareans to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.



Jack Markell

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Governor

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