

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota honors the 68,000 plus South Dakotans who served in the Armed Forces during World War II, and remember the 2,200 plus South Dakotans who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives, and the men and women who worked to protect our land; 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 the 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,

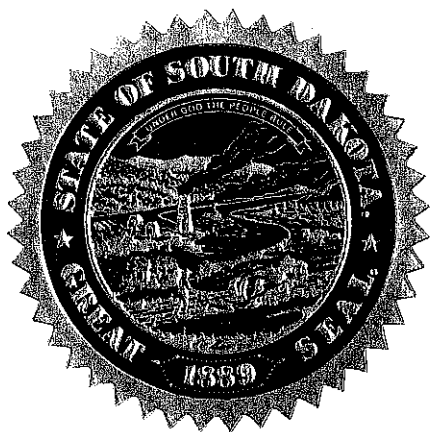
Whereas, August 14, 1945, marked not only the end of the war but also the beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding, during which the World War II generation created an array of organizations that helped to strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism, and service to community, state, and country; and,

Whereas, The entire World War II generation, military personnel, and civilians alike, provided a foundation that serves as a source of inspiration for future generations of Americans to protect the freedoms we enjoy:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 9-16, 2015, as

WWII 70th ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT OF '45 COMMEMORATIVE WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State