## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, May 8, 2015 was 70 years since Victory in Europe (VE) Day; and

WHEREAS, August 14, 2015 marks 70 years since Victory in Japan (VJ) Day; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 50,000 Vermonters answered our country's call after December 7, 1941 and served during World War II; and

**WHEREAS,** World War II veterans have been called "The Greatest Generation" for their heroic efforts to save the World from tyranny; and

WHEREAS, World War II veterans must never be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, as the number of World War II veterans grows smaller, we must renew our promise to remember their hard work and selfless efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, on this 70th anniversary we recognize our World War II veterans for their extraordinary service and thank them for enduring unthinkable hardships with the common purpose of protecting our liberties and making our world a safer place for future generations;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2015 as

## WORLD WAR II VETERANS REMEMBRANCE DAY



in the State of Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9th day of July, A.D. 2015

Peter Shumlin Governor