WHEREAS: The people of the Great Seminole Nation of Oklahoma honor the many warriors of our tribe who served in the Armed Forces during World War II, remember the ones who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives and thank the men and women who worked to protect the shores of the United States of America; 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' victory with joyous celebration, humility and spiritual reflection; and

WHEREAS: 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: 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 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 organization that helped to strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism and service to community and 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 Seminoles and Americans to come together to work for the continued betterment of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, the United States of America and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Leonard Harjo, Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, hereby proclaim August 9-16, 2015, to be

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in the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma to be affixed. Done at the Principal Chief's Office in the city of Wewoka on this day, June 1, 2015.

 Leonard Harjo, Principal Chief