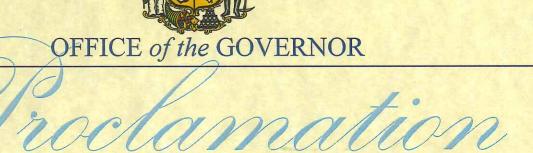
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WHEREAS; the people of Wisconsin honor the 320,000 Wisconsinites who served during World War II, the 8,149 Wisconsin service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve and protect our national security, and the countless others who supported the war efforts from the Badger State; and

WHEREAS; we remember August 9-16 as the week that Americans received word of the Allies' victory, bringing an end to World War II, and ushering in a new era of peace-time growth and rebuilding, post-war prosperity, economic affluence, and newfound optimism; and

WHEREAS; the freedoms and unalienable rights we enjoy as Americans emanate from the sacrifice and service of those devoted to the deterrence of global aggression with an emphasis on peace and unity; and

WHEREAS; the Allies' victory in World War II, marked by the pivotal week of August 9 – 16, strengthened the foundations of American democracy by securing liberty for the betterment of society, and allowing for an enriched, more prosperous future; and

WHEREAS; the "Spirit of '45" is not only a reminder of the brave men and women who stood up to the challenge, but, also, the charismatic and electric spirit that overcame evil and shone throughout the post-war era;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August 9 - 16, 2015, as

WWII 70th ANNIVERSARY "SPIRIT OF '45" **COMMEMORATIVE WEEK**

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 30th of July 2015.

> SCOTT WALKER **GOVERNOR**

Secretary of State