



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

SPIRIT OF '45 DAY

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 an unprecedented 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, both those who served in uniform and those who supported them on the Home Front, and the more than 400,000 Americans who gave their lives in service to their country during World War II; and

WHEREAS, August 14, 1945, marked not only the end of the war but also the beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding led by the United States to restore the societies of both its allies and former foes alike, and the formation of an array of organizations and institutions which helped to strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism and service to community and country; and

WHEREAS, the courage, dedication, self-sacrifice and compassion of the "ordinary heroes" of the World War II generation continue to inspire our nation, especially the men and women who are currently serving around the world protecting our country; and

WHEREAS, the entire World War II generation, military and civilian alike, has provided a model of national unity and community that will continue to serve as a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Americans to come together to work for the continued prosperity of the United States and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing August 14, 2011 as *Spirit of '45 Day*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 11th day of August, in the year two thousand eleven.

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style.

Governor