

## A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada is proud of its long legacy of courageous service during wartime that spans back to statehood, and it works every day to honor, remember, and serve all who have served, who have fallen, and their families; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1945, the United States celebrated the announcement of the conclusion of World War II, and Nevadans greeted the news of this heroic and hard fought victory with joy, as well as reflection on the sacrifice of more than 500 Nevadans who were killed during the war; and

WHEREAS, the victory achieved by the United States and the Allied Powers was brought about by a national effort, and its success brought an end to the horrors of the Holocaust, brought peace and freedom to nations that had been subjugated, and brought an opportunity to begin rebuilding countries and relationships that had been impacted during the war; and

WHEREAS, August 14, 1945 marked not only the conclusion of the war, but also the beginning of an era of national rebuilding within the United States, with veterans from World War II and members of their entire generation investing in their communities, in their institutions, and in the renewed strength of the nation; and

WHEREAS, these victories at home and abroad were achieved through collective action and sacrifice of an entire nation, and they were led by those who served their nation in uniform; and

WHEREAS, Nevada is currently home to nearly 8,000 veterans of World War II, and it has been home to thousands more over the years; and

WHEREAS, because of service at home and abroad from this generation, particularly its veterans, my Administration has worked hard and achieved a great deal toward honoring all Nevadans who have served or currently serve in uniform, the fallen, and their families by making Nevada the most military- and veteran-friendly state in the nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim August 14, 2015 as

## WORLD WAR II ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT OF '45 COMMEMORATION DAY

