



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota and its residents honor more than 300,000 servicemen and women from Minnesota who served in the Armed Forces during World War II; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota women served the war efforts on the home front in great numbers; and
- WHEREAS: The legacy and unique perspective of Minnesotans who served their country in World War II is a precious asset to the State of Minnesota and the entire nation; and
- WHEREAS: The victory marked the culmination of an enormous national effort that defeated the forces of aggression, brought freedom to subjugated nations, and ended the horrors of World War II; and
- 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 them on the home front; and
- WHEREAS: America's Greatest Generation has provided a model of unity and community that serves as a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Americans to come together to work for the continued betterment of our country and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 9-16, 2015, as:

## SPIRIT OF '45 WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Pimm in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE