



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

SPIRIT OF '45 DAY

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1945, the United States greeted the end of World War II and the news of the Allies' noble victory with joyous celebration, humility and spiritual reflection; and

WHEREAS, the victory 72 years ago marked the culmination of an unprecedented national effort that brought freedom to the world 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, Florida is proudly home to more than 65,000 World War II veterans; 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, 2017, 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 third day of August, in the year two thousand seventeen.



Governor