

State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in December 1941, following an unprecedented attack by the Japanese on U.S. military bases at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the declaration of war upon the United States by Germany and Italy, the U.S. joined forces with allies in Europe to fight what has become known as World War II; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 1945, the United States declared victory for Europe, having defeated Nazi Germany; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1945, the people of the United States received word from President Harry S. Truman of the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, between 1941 and 1945, Florida was among the most active states in training defense personnel for active duty in World War II, with more than 170 military installations established or expanded in the state; and

WHEREAS, over 248,000 Floridians, were drafted or volunteered to serve in World War II; and

WHEREAS, more than 4,600 Floridians lost their lives and thousands more were wounded; and

WHEREAS, the war effort included an increase in manufacturing for Florida, with shipbuilding being among the most significant contributions from the state; and

WHEREAS, a major contribution to securing the United States' victory was made by Florida's women who took on many of the jobs left vacant by men reporting for military duty; and

WHEREAS, today nearly 100,000 World War II veterans call Florida home; and

WHEREAS, 2015 is the 70 year anniversary since the ending of World War II; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge, honor and thank World War II veterans for their part in securing freedom from oppression for millions of people around the globe and for securing victory for the United States and Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of State and the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs are promoting awareness of this important anniversary with the campaign titled **Victory Florida**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize and designate August 8-16, 2015 as

VICTORY FLORIDA WEEK

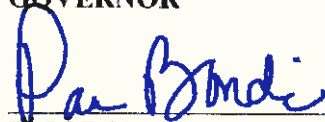
and call upon all Floridians to recognize and celebrate Florida's veterans. Through Victory Florida, Florida can lead the nation in recognizing the sacrifices made to protect our daily freedom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida encourage citizens to honor veterans through events and activities recognizing them and the important role Florida played on the battlefield and on the home front during World War II.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this 5th day of August 2015.



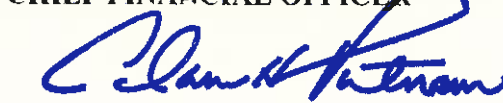
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