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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the announcement of final victory for the Allies, defending the cause of liberty, justice and freedom, the most terrible and devastating war known to man and history has come to an end; and

WHEREAS, this world-inspiring and most significant event is occasion for appropriate observance - for rejoicing, for tribute and thanksgiving;

THEREFORE, I, EARL SNELL, Governor of Oregon, do proclaim August 15th and 16th, 1945, Victory Days, legal holidays throughout the state, and order the closing of all public buildings, state stores and agencies. Furthermore, I urge the following:

That all business activity, wherever possible, be suspended during this holiday period.

That all churches be opened and special and appropriate services be held.

That tribute be paid those brave men and women who so gloriously upheld the ideals and traditions of free peoples and free governments. Some will return no more.

That our rejoicing be tempered with compassion and prayer for the loved ones of those who have made the supreme sacrifice.

That our observance encompass serious thoughts of the future.

A lasting peace throughout the world.

An American economy that offers full promise and encouragement.

A greeting and welcome to our returning veterans that is real, genuine and lasting.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state of Oregon. Done at Salem, the capitol, this 14th day of

By the Governor:

Governor

Secretary of State