DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Proclamation: The Spirit of '45 Week

The Dutchess County Legislature offers the following and moves its adoption:

WHEREAS, all New Yorkers join in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II and the hard-fought victory of the Allied forces which silenced the global gunfire and ended the brutal fighting that wrought untold death, destruction, and devastation for nearly six years, and

WHEREAS, for America, the war began with the attack on our Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941, declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as "a date which will live in infamy," and one that changed the course of our nation's history by catapulting our country into the conflict as it waged on for the third year, and

WHEREAS, millions perished during the war, including the victims of the Holocaust and others who died at the cruel hands of dictatorship, hundreds of thousands of Allied troops, among them more than 291,000 Americans died on the battlefields, on the seas, and in the air worldwide, additionally, some 671,000 Americans were wounded and more than 120,000 were prisoners of war, with tens of thousands missing in action at the war's end, and

WHEREAS, on a national scale, a significant number of men and women who served in World War II were from New York State, with more than 37,000 of our service members killed or missing in action, and

WHEREAS, through it all, the indomitable spirit of our men and women in uniform persevered, its flame kept alight by the liberty and patriotism that burned brightly within the hearts of our troops and that carried our nation, we find inspiration in those who proudly wear the mantle of "greatest generation" for their service to our nation during World War II and who, united in purpose and cause, overcame tremendous obstacles and endured unimaginable pain and suffering, or met their death, to defeat the Axis forces, as the official surrender of Nazi Germany came on May 7, 1945, and the surrender of Japan was announced on August 14, 1945, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that New Yorkers proudly join with our entire nation in celebrating "The Spirit of'45 Week" and, as we solemnly commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, we extend a sincere expression of gratitude and respect to our World War II Veterans, thanking all of them for their immense sacrifice and service carried out with the courage, principle, and honor that define their noble legacy, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Dutchess County Legislature does hereby recognize August 10th-16th 2025, as The Spirit of '45 Week in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Resolution No. 2025125

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess, have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 11th day of August 2025, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 11th day of August 2025

LEIGH WAGER, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE