

RESOLUTION

Whereas on August 14, 1945, the people of the United States received word of the end of World War II;
and

Whereas on that day, people in the United States and around the world greeted the news of the Allies' noble victory with joyous celebration, humility, and spiritual reflection; and

Whereas the victory marked the culmination of an unprecedented national effort that defeated the forces of aggression, brought freedom to subjugated nations, 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

Whereas more than 400,000 Americans gave their lives in service to their country during World War II;
and

Whereas, August 14, 1945, marked not only the end of the war, but also the beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding in which the United States led the effort to restore the shattered nations of the Allies and their enemies alike and to create institutions to work towards a more peaceful global community; and

Whereas men and women of the World War II generation created an array of organizations and institutions during the postwar era which helped to strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism, and service to community and country; and

Whereas the courage, dedication, self-sacrifice, and compassion of the World War II generation have inspired subsequent generations in the United States Armed Forces, including the men and women currently in service in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world;

Whereas the entire World War II generation, military and civilian alike, 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 the United States and the world; and

Whereas the second Sunday in August has been proposed as "Spirit of '45 Day" to commemorate the anniversary of the end of World War II on August 14, 1945:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and the Township Council of the Township of West Orange ardently support the observance of "**Spirit of 45 Day.**"

Karen J. Carnevale
Municipal Clerk

Honorable Sal M. Anderton
Council President

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