



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, on August 14, 1945, the people of the United States received word of the end of World War II and 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, we pay tribute to the remarkable citizens who bravely served our country in that time of peril as they fought fearlessly to defend our freedoms, ensure our continued safety and promote liberty and democracy; and*

*WHEREAS, while no words are fully adequate to express our gratitude or repay the debt we owe them, the citizens of Alabama are proud to join in the "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive" celebration that is held annually at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo; and*

*WHEREAS, the courage, dedication, self-sacrifice and compassion of the World War II generation is alive today and evident in the United States Armed Forces, including the men and women currently in service in Afghanistan and around the world;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim August 11, 2018, as*

# *Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive Day*

*in the state of Alabama and encourage all citizens to reflect upon the men and women who took incredible risks to protect our nation and way of life.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*