

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

(Observance of V-J Day)

WHEREAS, three years have passed since the end of World War II, which, from the standpoint of the United States, began and ended in the Pacific, and

WHEREAS, our way of living, our institutions and our heritages and traditions are under continued attack from forces opposed to democratic processes under which our country has grown and prospered, and

WHEREAS, the Pacific War Memorial, originated by Pacific Veterans who believe that living symbols of peace desires and service are more desirous than traditional monuments, is designed to keep alive heroic deeds in the Pacific, and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for revival of faith in democracy and a need for new appreciation of the sacrifices made to safeguard the processes through which our country has grown great, now

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday, September 2, the third anniversary of the end of World War II, as a day to be set apart by all people as forceful reminder of the terrific price paid for victory and call upon the people of the State of South Carolina to observe a thirty-second period of silence at 8:59 A.M. and otherwise give fitting tribute to those who achieved victory in World War II.

Given under my hand and seal
this 28th day of August in the
year of our Lord, nineteen
hundred and forty-eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor