



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the United States isolation from World War II ended on December 7, 1941, when the Empire of Japan executed a surprise attack on American military installations in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor capped a decade of deteriorating relations between Japan and the United States and led to an immediate U.S. declaration of war; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 1941, Germany and Italy, in solidarity with Japan, declared war on the United States; and

WHEREAS, after Germany's surrender in 1945, the allies shifted their undivided attention to defeating Japan, and began consistently bombarding Japan from air and sea in an effort to break Japanese resistance before a land invasion became necessary; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 1945, the American B-29 plane Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima; and

WHEREAS, three days later, a second atomic bomb was dropped on the city of Nagasaki; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 1945, General Douglas MacArthur, along with the Japanese foreign minister, Mamoru Shigemitsu, and the chief of staff of the Japanese army, Yoshijiro Umezue, signed the official Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri, effectively ending World War II; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2, 2020, as

Victory in Japan Day

in the state of Alabama.



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 2nd day of September 2020.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor