

**City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Proclamation of 73rd Anniversary Celebration
of VJ Day in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma**

WHEREAS, *VJ Day*, otherwise known as *Victory over Japan Day* and *Victory in the Pacific Day*, is a day that commemorates Japan's surrender during World War II, and thereby bringing an end to the war; and

WHEREAS, On August 6, 1945, the United States dropped the atomic bomb "Little Boy" on Hiroshima, Japan, and on August 9, dropped the atomic bomb "Fat Man" on Nagasaki, Japan, acts that resulted in the Japanese formally surrendering to the Allies on August 15, 1945, a date ending World War II, and followed when that condition was made official on September 2, 1945, with the signing of the Japanese *Instrument of Surrender* aboard the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay; and

WHEREAS, in the announcement of final victory for the armed forces of the United States and its Allied nations, defending the cause of liberty, justice, and freedom, the most terrible and devastating war known to man and history came to an end; and

WHEREAS, our ancestors shaped the structure of our political system, laid the groundwork for long-lasting traditions that enrich our heritage, and fought and died for our nation in order to help preserve the freedoms and rights guaranteed to all people under the Constitution of the United States so that future generations would have freedom; and

WHEREAS, celebration of this anniversary of the historic *VJ Day* gives us the opportunity to reflect on the past and renew our patriotism so that we may continue to live in freedom and seek peace so that our veterans will not have died in vain; and

WHEREAS, this world-inspiring and most significant event is occasion for appropriate celebration—for rejoicing, for tribute, and thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, in view of the city having created a Veterans Park where patriotic and other events may be conducted, the occasion is recognized as an event endorsed by the City of Broken Arrow and may proceed without participants incurring expense of providing liability insurance during the time of the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Thurmond, Mayor of the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, do, with approval by the City Council of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, hereby proclaim Saturday, August 11, 2018, as the *73rd Anniversary Celebration of VJ Day in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma*; and I urge all people in Broken Arrow and the surrounding metropolitan area to join with Veterans of all wars along with those now serving and who have served in peacetime assignments in celebration of this anniversary of the historic occasion at an observance that day in Broken Arrow's Veterans Park; and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, to be affixed this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Craig Thurmond
Mayor, City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma


Approved as to form

Curtis Green
City Clerk, City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma