

FROM THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** the United States of America was in extreme danger of losing hard won freedoms and heritages to the forces which perpetrated World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, when the Americans entered the conflict on December 7, 1941, our leaders and the leaders of the countries allied with us agreed that the shortest path to victory was to first achieve the surrender of our enemies in Europe (the European Theater of Operations/ETO); and

**WHEREAS**, after the enormous expenditure of millions of lives of Americans and Allies and their fortunes, surrender of the German forces to the Allies took place on May 9, 1945 (European time zones); and

**WHEREAS**, May 9th is the day set aside for world-wide celebration of the turning point of this hostile event in history; and

**WHEREAS**, it is our belief that the only way that global warfare will be permanently relegated in the future is for people of good will to have a global mindset; and,

**WHEREAS**, Tallahassee, Florida, and Krasnodar, Russia formally recognized a sister-city partnership in 1988, to be dissolved in 1991 during the demise of the Soviet Union, but re-established in 2006, and

**WHEREAS**, the sister city relationship between Tallahassee, Florida and Krasnodar, Russia is intended to enhance each city's position in the global economy and to directly influence peace and understanding amongst its citizens through cultural, economic and educational exchange

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrew D. Gillum** by the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Tallahassee, do proclaim May 9, 2017, to be

## **“Victory in Europe Day (VE Day)”**

in Tallahassee in recognition of our sister city relationship with the City of Krasnodar, Russia.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY  
HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THIS CITY TO BE AFFIXED.

MAYOR Andrew D. Gillum

DATE May 03, 2017