

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 22

A RESOLUTION HONORING SEPTEMBER 2, 1945 AS VICTORY
OVER JAPAN DAY

WHEREAS, at 7 p.m. on Aug. 14, 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced the unconditional surrender of Japan to reporters gathered at the White House. Victory over Japan Day (V-J Day) would officially be celebrated in the United States on the day formal surrender documents were signed aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945; and

WHEREAS, V-J Day was not just victory in Japan, but it was also the end of the Second World War in all theatres. Celebrations around the United States and the world reflected the overwhelming sense of relief and exhilaration felt by citizens of Allied nations at the end of the long and bloody conflict; and

WHEREAS, while the victory over Japan was welcomed, the day was bittersweet in light of the war's destructiveness. By war's end, more than 400,000 Americans had died in the conflict. We honor and remember the over 11 million American Soldiers who defended freedom and defeated fascism and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman said, "This day is a new beginning in the history of freedom on this earth. Our global victory has come from the courage and stamina and spirit of free men and women united in determination to fight."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. The City Council honor September 2, 1945 as Victory in Japan Day and would like to honor and recognize all veterans of World War II.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 23rd day of August, 2022.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk