

STATE OF KANSAS



**PROCLAMATION
BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

WHEREAS, The Cold War (September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991) was a long and costly struggle for freedom between the forces of democratic nations led by the United States against the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and

WHEREAS, The Cold War began after World War II with the threat of world domination in Europe and Asia by the Communist ideology and military action and this unique war was marked by periodic confrontations between West and East including international crises such as the Berlin Airlift of 1948, the Korean War of 1950 to 1953, the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 and the Vietnam War of 1960 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, The end of the longest undeclared war in United States history began with the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989 and culminated with the collapse of the Soviet Union's Communist government in December 1991; and

WHEREAS, Tens of thousands of Kansas Veterans valiantly served in our nation's armed forces during this long conflict with many sacrificing their lives; and

WHEREAS, The Cold War Veterans Association (CWVA), a federally recognized Veteran's Service Organization based in Kansas, has identified May 1st as the day to commemorate our victory in the Cold War.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Kris Kobach, Secretary of State, do hereby proclaim May 1st of 2013 as

COLD WAR VICTORY DAY

in Kansas, in honor of the brave men and women of Kansas who helped make our victory possible.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kris W. Kobach".

KRIS W. KOBACH
SECRETARY OF STATE