

Honorary Proclamation



BILL RITTER, JR.
GOVERNOR

COLD WAR VICTORY DAY May 1, 2007

WHEREAS, the Cold War was an arduous struggle for freedom between the forces of democratic nations, led by the United States, and the tyranny and brutality of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and

WHEREAS, the Cold War began after World War II with a new threat to world security posed by the Soviet bloc; and

WHEREAS, the Cold War was marked by periodic confrontations between the West and the East, including international crises such as the Berlin Airlift in 1948, the Korean War, 1950-1953, the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, and the Vietnam War, 1960-1975; and

WHEREAS, foreign policy for US Presidents from Harry S. Truman to George H. W. Bush was dominated by the constant struggle against the Communist foe, in what became the longest undeclared war in United States' history; and

WHEREAS, standing side by side with our devoted Armed Forces were the many agencies that contributed to our proud victory, including our own defense contractors at Rocky Flats; and

WHEREAS, due to the collaborative efforts with our allies, the demise of communism began with the fall of the Berlin Wall in November, 1989, and culminated with the collapse of the Soviet Union in December, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado thanks all who contributed to the West's victory over Communism, and salutes all who represented our nation in the eventual victory that ended the imminent threat of nuclear war;

Therefore, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2007,

COLD WAR VICTORY DAY

in the State of Colorado.



*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this tenth day of April,
2007*

Bill Ritter Jr.

*Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor*