

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

DESTROYER ESCORT DAY
JUNE 20, 2014

WHEREAS, World War Two, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War called upon thousands of America's young men to fight by land, sea, and air in order to restore and maintain freedom and peace throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Destroyer escorts were first designed as anti-submarine vessels tasked with providing support to Allied Forces by protecting convoys from the U-Boats in the Atlantic and were used extensively in surface-to-air battles, surface-to-surface combat, shelling shores for invasions, and many other assignments; and

WHEREAS, Destroyer escort crews soon found themselves serving with distinction in all theaters of World War Two, performing any duty asked of them, notably as a part of Task Group Taffy 3 at the Battle of Leyte Gulf, where destroyer escorts helped to drive off a group of much heavier Japanese battleships, cruisers, and destroyers; and

WHEREAS, Destroyer escorts continued to serve the United States and its allies during the Korean War and the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the lives lost in these undertakings, and in commendation of the bravery and honor of these sailors, the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association has paid tribute since 1975 to those American sailors who served on destroyer escorts; and

WHEREAS, **Destroyer Escort Day** is a time for all of us to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served on destroyer escorts throughout many conflicts, faithfully defending their nation and its values from those who would do them harm;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **June 20, 2014**, as **DESTROYER ESCORT DAY** in the State of New Hampshire and encourage all residents to honor those sailors who risked, and often gave, their lives for peace and freedom worldwide.

Given this 20th day of June, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-eight.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor