

Dear Clerk McKenna -

This is to voice my strong support for the passage of H 7781 in order to rename the second Monday of August "Peace and Remembrance Day."

My wife and I have been Providence residents since 2017 when we moved south from Massachusetts to retire here. We love our city and state, and have flung ourselves into full support of our local community through volunteering, continuous learning classes, and contributing to social service nonprofits.

But as full-bore Rhode Islanders, we have been appalled that a day when the U.S. sadly became the (so far) only nation on the planet to actually drop a nuclear bomb killing and irradiating innocent citizens, is celebrated as "Victory Day." That's one Rhode Island distinction I yearn to see end, and eliminate the discomfort I'm subjected to whenever my old Massachusetts friends grill me about it.

Calling the day instead "Peace and Remembrance Day" would keep me proud of my adopted state. Thank you for your work in shaping this bill.

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