

strengthened international trading system that creates new opportunities to expand trade and achieve economic growth.

We shall pursue our quest to eliminate unfair trade practices, and we shall also use the tools provided by the Congress in the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 to ensure an open world marketplace.

In short, this Administration will continue to do its part to ensure a strong economy into the 1990's. American business, however, must take the lead in meeting the important challenge of increasing our competitiveness in world markets.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 21, 1989, as World Trade Week. I invite the businesses and workers of America to join together with the Federal Government in observance of World Trade Week. Together, we can ensure continued prosperity for our country through global trade.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 5972 of May 8, 1989

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, 1989

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

The millions of refugees and immigrants from Asia and the Pacific who braved the unknown and ventured to our Nation's shores have helped to write the story of America's success. Their legacy is a proud one, marked by significant achievements in the arts, science, education, and business.

Today, Asian and Pacific Americans continue to enrich our life as a Nation. Through their efforts to preserve the traditions of their ancestral homelands, they greatly enhance the beauty and color of American culture. Their faith, determination, and hard work and their devotion to family life inspire men and women throughout the United States.

The celebration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week provides a welcome opportunity to acknowledge the many contributions that Asian and Pacific Americans have made to American society and to express our appreciation for them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 7, 1989, as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Editorial note: For the President's remarks of May 8, 1989, on signing Proclamation 5972, see the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* (vol. 25, p. 675).

Proclamation 5973 of May 8, 1989

Small Business Week, 1989

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

America is a nation founded on imagination and courage; our history is a record of the entrepreneurial spirit of our people. This bold, creative spirit is clearly embodied by the 19 million small business men and women across the United States today.

Small businesses lead the way in developing new technologies and products and in creating opportunities for young and unskilled workers. They are a driving force behind our Nation's record economic expansion. More than half of the U.S. labor force is employed by small business, and most first-job opportunities are in the small business community. In fact, small businesses are responsible for two out of three jobs created in the private sector. These tremendous contributions to our society send a message to the rest of the world that individual freedom and initiative breed innovation and economic productivity.

The small business owners of our Nation understand their leadership role and accept no boundaries or limits to their potential. Increasingly, there are no borders to their commerce. Small business people are now significant players in the international marketplace. Their determined, independent spirit and far-reaching influence will continue to ensure our Nation's growth into the 21st century, and will allow us to enhance our competitiveness in the global arena.

Enthusiastic and confident, the small business community is the cornerstone of America's economy—and it is an inspiration to people around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7 through May 13, 1989, as Small Business Week, and I call on every American to join me in this very special tribute.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

GEORGE BUSH