

I also urge the press, radio, television, and all other media of information to cooperate in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 24th day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and [SEAL] sixty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-fifth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,  
*Secretary of State.*

## NATIONAL YOUTH FITNESS WEEK, 1961

April 29, 1961  
[No. 3410]

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

WHEREAS the fitness of the youth of America is essential to the present and future strength of our Nation; and

WHEREAS in connection with the challenges that our Nation must meet in the days and years ahead, it is imperative that our young people be aware of their obligation to themselves, their families, and to their country to maintain their vigor and fitness; and

WHEREAS the fitness of our youth can be promoted by the determined and coordinated efforts of all our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning April 30, 1961, as National Youth Fitness Week.

I request officials of the Government, and I urge parents, young people, and interested national and local organizations, to use all appropriate means now and during that week to promote pro-

grams and activities demonstrating the importance of youth fitness to the end that we may assure the continuing strength and well-being of our people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twenty-ninth day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and [SEAL] sixty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-fifth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,  
*Secretary of State.*

**NATIONAL HIGHWAY WEEK, 1961**  
**By the President of the United States**  
**of America**  
**A Proclamation**

April 29, 1961  
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WHEREAS an adequate highway network is indispensable to traffic safety, to the growth of our economy and to the National defense; and

WHEREAS some 40,000 of our citizens are killed and 1,400,000 are injured every year in highway accidents; and

WHEREAS the orderly advancement of our expanded Federal-State highway program promises a sharp reduction in our annual waste of human and economic resources due to outmoded highways; and

WHEREAS the public should be reminded of the importance of completing the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways on schedule in 1972:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 1961, as National Highway Week in recognition of the vital role of highway transportation in our way of life.