

The heritage of liberty we enjoy was brought by men and women who dared the unknown, who tamed the wilderness, and gave their lives on fields of battle.

We honor them by remembering their deeds—and by telling their story to each succeeding generation.

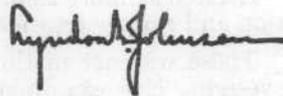
The study of American history reveals the experience of shared endeavor, hardship, joy, and triumph which binds us together as a nation. Understanding that experience can give us the wisdom and courage to meet our present trials—and unite us in the face of tomorrow's challenges.

In recognition of this, the Congress by a joint resolution approved November 28, 1967, has designated February 1968 as American History Month and has requested the President to issue a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe that month.

81 Stat. 517.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, invite the people of the United States to observe February 1968 as American History Month in schools and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, this thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-second.



Proclamation 3830

NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK, 1968

By the President of the United States of America

February 26, 1968

A Proclamation

When our Nation was very young, a man wrested a living from the land as best he could. His tools were primitive, his productivity low. He was fortunate if he could feed his family and have a little left over to sell.

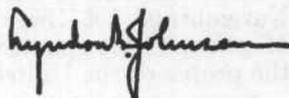
Today the technological revolution has made the American farmer food supplier to the world. His produce feeds his family, his neighbors, his countrymen, and thousands abroad. Yet that same revolution has brought unforeseen dangers. Modern farming is a complex and highly skilled profession. It is also a hazardous one.

Agriculture currently ranks third among our industries in accidental death rate. Thousands of farm residents are killed every year in accidents. More than 700,000 others are disabled. The cost to the Nation in dollars is almost \$2 billion. The cost in anguish is incalculable.

This shameful waste must stop. It will stop when safety has become the conscious concern of all who work to produce America's great agricultural abundance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby call on the people of the Nation to observe the week of July 21, 1968, as National Farm Safety Week. I urge all persons who live on farms, and those persons and groups serving or allied with agriculture, to intensify their individual efforts to curtail and halt accidents where and when possible at work, in homes, at recreation, and on public roads.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-second.



Proclamation 3831

SAVE YOUR VISION WEEK, 1968

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Each year more than 30,000 Americans become blind. Early detection and proper treatment would prevent half of these tragedies.

Those who act in time can often protect the irreplaceable gift of eyesight. Eye examinations, beginning during preschool years and continuing periodically through life, can detect sight defects early enough for treatment.

For example, preschool checks can help prevent one-eye blindness from amblyopia later in life. Periodic examinations of adults can reveal elevated pressure within the eye soon enough to prevent blindness from glaucoma.

Every American should make a habit of regular eye examinations. For persons who cannot secure proper vision care on their own, assistance is offered by public and private health agencies.

To emphasize the importance of regular eye care, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved December 30, 1963 (77 Stat. 629), requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the first week in March of each year as Save Your Vision Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning March 3, 1968, as Save Your Vision Week, and I invite the Governors of the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and officials of other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to issue similar proclamations.

I also call upon the communications media, the medical, optometric, and other health care professions, as well as all private and public agencies concerned with the improvement and preservation of sight, to join in public activities that will impress upon all Americans the importance of maintaining good vision and of participating in programs to protect vision.

February 27, 1968

36 USC 169a.