

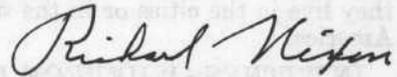
abilities and resources in an effort to bring better nutrition to these children. There can be no more important or far-reaching use of the abundance of food produced by America's farmlands than to feed our children.

36 USC 168.

To recognize the value and achievements of the National School Lunch Program, the Congress, by a joint resolution of October 9, 1962 (76 Stat. 779), has designated the seven-day period beginning on the second Sunday of October in each year as National School Lunch Week, and has requested the President to issue a proclamation annually calling for the observance of that week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, call upon the people of the United States to observe the week beginning October 12, 1969, as National School Lunch Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fourth.



Proclamation 3940

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, 1969

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

John Adams was the first President to live in the executive residence we call the White House. His first night there, he wrote a letter to his wife, Abigail, in which he said: "Before I end my letter, I pray Heaven to bestow the best of blessings on this house and all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but wise and honest men ever rule under this roof."

This is a brief, unadorned prayer. Yet its very simplicity speaks to us today, across the years that separate the time of Adams from our own. Prayer knows no boundary of time; we in America today, in the spirit of Adams, seek the blessing of God on our nation and its leaders.

At a time in our nation's history when the power of prayer is needed more than ever, it is fitting that we publicly demonstrate our faith in the power of prayer.

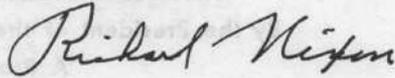
66 Stat. 64.
36 USC 185.

Sensible of our people's faith, the Congress, by joint resolution of April 17, 1952, provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby set aside Wednesday, October 22, as National Day of Prayer, 1969. And I ask that on this day the people of the United States pray for the achievement of America's goal of peace with justice for all people throughout the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred sixty-

nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fourth.



Proclamation 3941

NATIONAL FAMILY HEALTH WEEK

By the President of the United States of America

October 16, 1969

A Proclamation

The American medical profession has made remarkable progress in the advancement of health. Constant expansion of medical knowledge, development of new, more and better hospitals and health facilities, growth of programs to assure access to health services to people who might otherwise lack them—all have combined to keep us moving toward the goal of higher standards for all our people.

Life expectancy has been increasing. Infant mortality rates have been declining slowly, as have maternal mortality rates. One after another, contagious diseases have been conquered.

But these overall gains cannot mask the critically serious problems that remain. Heart disease, cancer, and stroke account for two-thirds of all deaths in the United States. Too many mothers and young babies do not receive life-saving care. Thousands of Americans are not able to work because of chronic disabling diseases that might have been prevented. Many Americans are still without adequate health care. Efforts to improve health services must be and will be intensified.

Amid all of the large scale advances and the remaining problems, the family physician continues to perform a unique service to the nation in helping to guard health and prevent disease. His dedication and skill are the foundation of good medical care. His work embraces the broad spectrum of medical science—from personal health to family planning to emotional well-being.

To focus national attention on the accomplishments of the American health care system and the central role of the family physician in maintaining superior medical services and improving the health of Americans of all ages and in all walks of life, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 46, has requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the week of November 16 to 22, 1969, as National Family Health Week.

Ante, p. 133.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning November 16, 1969, as National Family Health Week. I call upon the people of the United States, the medical and health professions, and other interested organizations and groups to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fourth.

