

initiative and ability to the mighty potentials of the free enterprise system. As long as America remains true to her heritage, the small businessman will continue as a mainstay of our economy and our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning May 13, 1973, as Small Business Week. I ask all Americans to share with me during this week a deep pride in the many accomplishments of our Nation's small businessmen and women, and in the invaluable contribution they have made to our free way of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



#### PROCLAMATION 4196

## National Defense Transportation Day and National Transportation Week, 1973

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March 13, 1973

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

Transportation has always been a central factor in the growth of our country. Our ability to meet economic needs, overcome geographic barriers, and respond rapidly to emergencies—foreign or domestic—rests largely on a modern and efficient transportation system.

From our earliest days, the Federal government has worked in partnership with the private sector to achieve better transportation systems. That partnership continues today—but the challenges it faces are changing. The need today is for initiatives which can help us to reconcile our transportation needs with our energy resources, to encourage mobility without impairing safety and security, to upgrade our transportation capabilities without damaging the environment.

Because of the great importance of transportation to our daily lives and in tribute to the men and women who move goods and people throughout America, the Congress by a joint resolution approved May 16, 1957, requested the President to proclaim annually the third

Friday in May of each year as National Defense Transportation Day and by a joint resolution approved May 14, 1962, requested the President to proclaim annually the week of May in which that Friday falls as National Transportation Week.

76 Stat. 69.  
36 USC 166.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Friday, May 18, 1973, as National Defense Transportation Day, and the week beginning May 13, 1973, as National Transportation Week.

I ask the people of our Nation to join with the Department of Transportation and with appropriate State and local agencies in reaffirming our commitment to a progressive and balanced transportation system for America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



## PROCLAMATION 4197

# National Farm Safety Week

*By the President of the United States of America*

March 13, 1973

## A Proclamation

The unfailing supply of food and fiber provided by the Nation's largest industry, agriculture, has been a foundation of American prosperity since our country's beginnings. Abundance on the farm, in turn, has been stimulated by constant technological progress. But the blessings of technology have sometimes been mixed, as each advance has also brought a new potential for injury.

Each year, many thousands of farm and ranch residents are killed or seriously injured in work, home, recreation and highway mishaps. For the most part, these accidents could be prevented if basic safety precautions were observed.

The dollar cost of rural accidents is high, but there is no higher price than the human suffering. This waste of precious human and economic resources must be reduced and can be reduced. The same energies and talents which have made agriculture so highly productive should also be turned to the task of making it safer.