

convicted of draft evasion offenses as described above, (ii) those who have received a punitive or undesirable discharge from service in the armed forces for having violated Article 85, 86, or 87 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice between August 4, 1964 and March 28, 1973, or are serving sentences of confinement for such violations. Where appropriate, the Board may recommend that clemency be conditioned upon completion of a period of alternate service. However, if any clemency discharge is recommended, such discharge shall not bestow entitlement to benefits administered by the Veterans Administration.

10 USC 885-887.

4. *Alternate Service*—In prescribing the length of alternate service in individual cases, the Attorney General, the Secretary of the appropriate Department, or the Clemency Board shall take into account such honorable service as an individual may have rendered prior to his absence, penalties already paid under law, and such other mitigating factors as may be appropriate to seek equity among those who participate in this program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-ninth.

GERALD R. FORD

Proclamation 4314 • September 17, 1974

### National Employ the Handicapped Week, 1974

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### A Proclamation

The single greatest difficulty facing the handicapped person is not his or her own disability but rather the attitudes of society toward that disability. Yet handicapped people have proven themselves capable of performing a wide range of jobs with great diligence, skill, and efficiency.

As scientists, teachers, Government officials, aerospace engineers—in nearly every occupation—otherwise qualified but handicapped Americans have contributed significantly to our Nation's progress.

Let us resolve in 1974 to make use of the talents and abilities and energies of the handicapped. Our Nation needs them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, in accordance with the joint resolution of Congress approved August 11, 1945, as amended (36 U.S.C. 155), designating the first week in October of each year as National Employ the Handicapped Week, do hereby call upon the people of the United States to observe the week beginning October 6, 1974, for such purpose.

I urge the Nation's Governors, Mayors, and all other public officials, as well as leaders in every area of American life, to join with the handicapped themselves in active participation in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred ninety-ninth.

GERALD R. FORD

Proclamation 4315

September 19, 1974

**Johnny Horizon '76 Clean Up America Month, 1974**

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

Although our Nation's 200th birthday is less than two years away, much has been accomplished through the Johnny Horizon '76 Program toward improving the environment of our country for this historic event. But much remains to be done. To date, thousands of schools; churches; youth groups; chambers of commerce; conservation, civic and commercial organizations and millions of private citizens have joined in partnership with Johnny Horizon '76 in a wide range of projects to create environmental awareness and to beautify America.

Our most precious environment is the area in which we live—our city streets and rural towns—and this is where each individual can effectively exercise his responsibility. This has been exemplified by the many action projects which have been undertaken thus far across our country.

We need to continue these improvements. To dramatize this need, the Congress has by House Joint Resolution 1070, 93rd Congress, requested the President to proclaim the period of September 15, 1974,