

private individuals and organizations, and all concerned citizens, to mark this observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

GERALD R. FORD

Proclamation 4439

May 13, 1976

National Tennis Week, 1976

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

In slightly more than a decade, the sport of tennis has been transformed from an entertainment for relatively few to an enthusiasm of millions.

What began in England at the estate of Major Walter Clopton Wingfield in 1873 as the modern game of tennis, has now blossomed in America as the physical fitness sport of over 20 million Americans.

Last year, Tennis Week was recognized by twenty-seven governors and fifty-four mayors throughout our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the fourth week in June, 1976, as National Tennis Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

GERALD R. FORD

Proclamation 4440

May 19, 1976

Prayer for Peace

Memorial Day, May 31, 1976

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

In this, our Nation's 200th year, Memorial Day has special significance. As we honor those who gave their lives that our experiment with liberty might succeed, we

can be proud of what America has accomplished. We are at peace. Our Nation and our way of life endure. The sacrifices of 200 years have preserved both individual freedom and national unity.

As we mark this milestone of our national independence, however, we must not forget the lessons of history. Other nations have risen to great heights only to weaken in their resolve. We must not repeat their error. We must remain strong in our defense and steadfast in our resolve to uphold the principles with which we began two centuries ago.

In accord with the request of the Congress, by joint resolution of May 11, 1950 (64 Stat. 158), let us especially pray on Memorial Day that our continued resolve and our eternal vigilance will bring lasting peace to peoples yearning for peace, and that our honored dead shall not have died in vain.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 1976, as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and I designate the hour beginning in each locality at 11 o'clock in the morning of that day as a time to unite in prayer.

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

I also call upon the appropriate officials of all levels of government to fly the flag at half-staff until noon during Memorial Day on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels throughout the United States and in all areas under its jurisdiction and control, and I request the people of the United States to display the flag at half-staff from their homes for the same customary forenoon period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

GERALD R. FORD

Proclamation 4441

May 27, 1976

Father's Day, 1976

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On the third Sunday in June, 1976, Americans will observe Father's Day as they have most of this century.

Father's Day, 1976, should be of special significance in our Nation's Bicentennial Year. Through two centuries our American fathers have successfully and heroically defended the liberties of this Nation in war and in peace. American fathers have preserved the precious legacy of liberty and passed it, enhanced, to their children and future generations.