

Proclamation 4493

March 23, 1977

Loyalty Day, 1977*By the President of the United States of America***A Proclamation**

Loyalty, however we may choose to define it, must dwell in our hearts as well as our minds. If we are to rely only on what the heart tells us about America, it will be easy to blind ourselves to those problems that our Nation has yet to solve as it begins its third century. If we are to rely only on the mind, it will be easy to create justifications that help us evade responsibility for our errors. Loyalty ought not to be a leash that prevents the mind from searching for new ideas or from asking new questions about old ones that have long gone unchallenged. Rather, the loyalty we feel in our hearts should be an anchor that keeps us faithful to the ideals of individual dignity and worth for which so many Americans have fought and died.

To encourage the American people to set aside a special day to reaffirm their loyalty to the United States and to reflect upon their heritage, the Congress, by joint resolution of July 18, 1958 (72 Stat. 369, 36 U.S.C. 162), designated the first day of May of each year as Loyalty Day and requested the President to issue a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, call upon all appropriate organizations to celebrate Sunday, May 1, 1977, as Loyalty Day with such ceremonies as will encourage the American people to reaffirm their loyalty to the United States of America.

I also call upon the appropriate officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day to underscore our renewed sense of national purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

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March 28, 1977

National Farm Safety Week, 1977*By the President of the United States of America***A Proclamation**

Many of the men and women who founded our nation were farmers, and farmers were a major factor in turning this land from a wilderness to a great and productive

nation. As we enter our third century, the majority of our people no longer live on farms, but each farmer and farm worker has a more vital role than ever before in our common welfare. Not only our own people in cities and towns, but millions of others around the world, depend on the food and fiber produced on America's farms.

Every year hundreds of thousands of farm and ranch residents suffer unnecessary injury, and sometimes disability and death, from accidents on the farm. The dollar loss is great, but the cost in human suffering is even greater. We have already done much to make agriculture safer, but we can do more. With a new awareness of the importance of farm safety we can insure that the equipment and chemicals used on the farm are safe for both farmer and consumer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week of July 25 through July 31, 1977, as National Farm Safety Week. I urge all who live and work on the nation's farms and ranches to commit themselves to safe conduct in all activities. Further, I urge all who work with and serve agricultural producers to assist and support them in this effort in every possible way.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4495

April 1, 1977

Termination of Natural Gas Emergency

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On February 2, 1977, Proclamation No. 4485 was issued which proclaimed and declared the existence of a natural gas emergency within the meaning of Section 3 of the Emergency Natural Gas Act of 1977. Such action was necessary because of the imminent shortage of natural gas for high-priority uses and the inadequacy of remedial measures other than the extraordinary measures authorized by Section 4 of that Act. Section 3 of the Emergency Natural Gas Act of 1977, however, requires termination of such emergency when the President finds that such shortages no longer exist and are no longer imminent. *Ante*, p. 1720. *Ante*, p. 4.

I now find that the severe natural gas shortages which necessitated the declaration of a natural gas emergency within the meaning of Section 3 of said Act no longer exist and are no longer imminent.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States, including the Emergency Natural Gas Act of 1977, do hereby proclaim