

Public Law 96-80  
96th Congress

Joint Resolution

Authorizing and requesting the President of the United States to issue a proclamation designating the seven calendar days beginning October 7, 1979, as "National Port Week".

Oct. 6, 1979  
[H.J. Res. 303]

Whereas United States coastal and inland ports make a direct and significant contribution to our national economic well-being; and  
Whereas much of the history of the United States has been shaped by its ports and interconnecting inland waterways and greatly influenced the growth of various communities; and

Whereas ports, in serving United States waterborne commerce, generate significant employment and direct dollar income to the local and regional economies they serve, as well as have major impact on employment and production in areas far distant from their location; and

Whereas United States ports provide a wide variety of services and activities essential to the smooth and efficient conduct of foreign trade and have a direct impact on our balance of payments; and  
Whereas American ports are a vital asset in maintaining a strong posture in national security: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the seven-day period beginning October 7, 1979, as "National Port Week" and to invite the Governors of the several States, the chief officials of local governments, and the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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authorization.

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