

Proclamation 4730 of March 5, 1980

Teacher Day, USA

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The great strength of America lies in its people, educated in the most comprehensive and open system of public education the world has ever known.

We have an enormous stake in this system, and the key to it is the American teacher. The men and women who staff our schools spend countless hours inspiring, encouraging, informing, and preparing young people for the future. Their hard work is a lifelong gift. Behind every successful adult, there is usually a teacher who was an inspiration for excellence.

Sadly, there has never been a national observance of the profound debt we owe our Nation's teachers. There is no time each year when we can bestow the individual recognition, honor, and encouragement our teachers richly deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate March 7, 1980, as "Teacher Day, United States of America."

I ask all Americans to communicate their personal appreciation, by word and deed, to present and former teachers who have enriched their lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourth.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4731 of March 7, 1980

Cancer Control Month

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

One in four Americans now living will eventually develop cancer.

While emphasis on early detection and treatment of cancer has saved thousands of lives, the ultimate answers lie in its prevention. Efforts to discover the cause of this disease and to create ways to thwart its development are advancing on several fronts.

Many scientists maintain that our preventive efforts should be primarily environmental. They believe that many types of cancer will prove to be preventable through the identification and control of carcinogenic factors in our surroundings.

At the same time, we must pursue other areas of research as well. The search for new diagnostic and treatment techniques must continue as re-