

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6225 of November 9, 1990

National Philanthropy Day, 1990

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

Henry David Thoreau once observed that "the virtue we appreciate, we to some extent appropriate." We therefore do well to recognize the thoughtfulness and generosity of all those Americans who devote their time, talent, and material resources to philanthropic organizations and activities. By celebrating their many contributions to society, we reaffirm the spirit of voluntary giving and service to others that is one of our Nation's greatest strengths.

Our Nation's history provides ample evidence of the power of individual initiative and voluntary service to others. For example, private donors and individual volunteers have helped to expand educational, recreational, and employment opportunities for our youth; they have established and maintained specialized programs for senior citizens and persons with disabilities; and they have helped to promote the public health and safety. These Americans have also supplied our churches and other religious institutions with valuable material support.

Each day more and more Americans are becoming engaged in philanthropic activities. During 1989 alone, an estimated 75 percent of all households in the United States contributed to charitable organizations, giving a total of nearly \$96 billion. In addition to such generous financial contributions, many Americans are giving of another precious commodity: their time. Through nonprofit philanthropic organizations across the United States, concerned citizens are donating billions of volunteer hours to others.

On National Philanthropy Day, we proudly express our respect and appreciation for all those Americans who devote their time, energy, and material resources to philanthropic endeavors. Our entire country benefits from their magnanimity and hard work, and all of us can be inspired by their example.

In recognition of those who conduct and support the work of our Nation's philanthropic organizations, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 293, has designated November 16, 1990, as "National Philanthropy Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 16, 1990, as National Philanthropy Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6226 of November 13, 1990

American Education Week, 1990

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

While a sound education is a great and lasting treasure in its own right, it is also vital to the advancement of individuals and nations. Through their educational experiences, young people develop the knowledge and skills needed to become innovative, productive citizens. They also gain an understanding of our Nation's history and an appreciation for our rights and responsibilities as members of a free and democratic society. Thus, if the United States is to remain a free, strong, and prosperous country, one that is competitive in the rapidly changing global marketplace, our educational system must be marked by excellence.

Our success in strengthening America's educational system may be measured by our progress toward the six national education goals established last year following my Education Summit with the Nation's Governors. First, by the year 2000, all American children must start school ready to learn. High school graduation rates must increase to 90 percent. American students must demonstrate competence in five critical subjects with their progress assessed in grades 4, 8, and 12, and they must rank first in the world in science and mathematics. Every American adult must be literate and possess the skills—including the technical skills—necessary to compete in the global economy. Finally, every school in the United States must be safe, disciplined, and drug-free. These goals form a binding standard of excellence for our Nation's schools, a standard that both animates and guides our ongoing efforts to revitalize American education.

In July, I joined with the Nation's Governors in establishing the National Education Goals Panel, which will measure and report progress toward these crucial objectives. Achieving our national education goals is not, however, a job for panel members and government officials alone. Ensuring a high-quality education for every American will depend on the personal commitment and sustained cooperation of all Americans—parents, teachers, students, local school administrators, business leaders, and elected officials, as well as the general public.

Because education is a lifelong process of learning, growth, and discovery, our ability to achieve excellence in the Nation's schools begins at home. What goes on in the classroom is only part of a child's educational experience, and parents have primary responsibility for what—and how—their children learn. Parents can contribute substantially to the quality of our educational system by taking active interest in their