

Nation and has requested the President to issue a proclamation designating May 1986 as "Older Americans Month."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the month of May 1986 as Older Americans Month. I ask public officials at all levels, community agencies, educators, the communications media, and the American people to take this opportunity to honor older Americans and to encourage them to do everything they can to make health and fitness an integral part of their lives, so that they can truly enjoy the golden warmth of their sunset years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and tenth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5469 of April 24, 1986

National Reading Is Fun Week, 1986

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The pleasure that comes from reading is usually the magnet that draws people to practice and improve their reading skills. And the wide distribution of these skills not only enriches those who possess them but is a pillar of strength for a self-governing Nation. Yet many of America's 66 million people under the age of 18 need encouragement and direction to improve their reading skills to the point where they can become functionally literate and properly informed adults. Illiteracy and limited literacy cause much pain, frustration, and humiliation. And because their victims cannot reach their full productive potential, the economy is billions of dollars the poorer.

Traditionally, Americans have recognized problems in society and worked at applying practical solutions. Over the past two decades, dedicated volunteer efforts have enabled millions of children to discover the joy of reading. Through a variety of imaginative programs, thousands of children have been given the motivation and the practical help they need to unlock the treasure house of the printed page. Doors have been opened to richer lives. Currently, more than 100,000 volunteers are giving of their time and talents to open these doors of opportunity to young people who long to experience the joy of reading. But there is a need for still more volunteers who wish to help others and experience the deep satisfaction of knowing they have transformed the lives of others and set them on the path to discovery, understanding, and delight. Yes, for those who can read, reading is fun.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 286, has designated April 20 through April 26, 1986, as "National Reading is Fun Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim April 20 through April 26, 1986, as National Reading is Fun Week. I invite the Governors of every State, local officials, and all Americans to observe this week by supporting programs that help young people to acquire the skill of reading that leads to the joy of reading.

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

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5470 of April 30, 1986

Fair Housing Month, 1986

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The year 1986 marks the eighteenth anniversary of the passage of title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly referred to as the "Fair Housing Act," declaring it a national policy that housing throughout the United States should be made available to all citizens on the basis of equality and fairness.

The Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Fairness is the foundation of our way of life and reflects the best of our traditional American values. Invidious discriminatory housing practices are abhorrent to the American sense of fair play.

In this eighteenth year since the passage of the Fair Housing Act, Americans should continue to work together to uphold the Fair Housing Act and the principle of equal opportunity on which it is based.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 303, has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the month of April 1986 as "Fair Housing Month."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim April 1986 as Fair Housing Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and tenth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5471 of May 1, 1986

Loyalty Day, 1986

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The freedom of thought and action we Americans enjoy today seems as natural as the air we breathe. But there is a danger we may take this freedom for granted. We must never forget it was bought for us at a great price. The brave and resourceful Americans whose sacrifices gained our Independence and preserved it for more than 200 years against formidable foes have set an example of unflinching loyalty to the ideal of liberty and justice for all.