

Proclamation 5520 of August 28, 1986**National P.O.W./M.I.A. Recognition Day, 1986**

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Courage and sacrifice are no strangers to America. In every war since our first struggle for independence, America's prisoners of war have endured terrible hardships and have been called upon to make extraordinary sacrifices. The bravery, perseverance, and profound devotion to duty of our POWs and MIAs have earned them a place of honor in the hearts of all Americans. Their heroism is an inspiration to future generations. Their spirit of hope and their commitment to the defense of freedom are a claim on our loyalty to them.

All Americans are also deeply moved by the pain and suffering endured by the families and friends of those who remain missing or unaccounted for. We share both their burden and their commitment to secure the release of any U.S. personnel who may still be held against their will, to recover the missing, to resolve the accounting, and to relieve the suffering of our missing servicemen. Until the P.O.W./M.I.A. issue has been resolved, it will continue to be a matter of the highest national priority. As a symbol of this national commitment, the P.O.W./M.I.A. Flag will fly over the White House, the Departments of State and Defense, the Veterans' Administration, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on September 19, 1986. It will also fly over the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

In order to recognize the special debt all Americans owe to the men and women who gave up their freedom in the service of our country and to reaffirm our commitment to their families, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 220, has designated September 19, 1986, as "National P.O.W./M.I.A. Recognition Day," and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 19, 1986, as National P.O.W./M.I.A. Recognition Day. I call on all Americans to join in honoring all former American prisoners of war, those still missing, and their families who have made extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of this country. I also call upon State and local officials and private organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of August, 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 eleventh.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5521 of September 5, 1986**Federal Lands Cleanup Day, 1986**

By the President of the United States of America

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America is blessed with a great wealth of natural resources—magnificent land, water, fish, and wildlife—as well as historic resources, places associ-

ated with the memories of great individuals, cultures, events, and structures of great historic or esthetic importance.

Many of our most prized natural and cultural resources are preserved as public sites for the benefit of all Americans. From national and State parks, forests, and shores to local playgrounds and urban open spaces, public lands provide recreational and educational opportunities for persons from every walk of life.

Although most people treat these treasured common possessions with the respect they deserve, some visitors to our public lands are thoughtless. Their litter, vandalism, theft, wildlife poaching, and other abuses are taking a toll on the legacy we will be passing on to future generations. With over 700 million acres of Federal public land and millions more of State and local public land, government cannot protect each acre without the support of the people who use these lands.

Fortunately, citizens and organizations all over America have taken it upon themselves to make a difference—to make these lands better for all of us. These voluntary cleanup and restoration activities have been conducted in cooperation with organizations such as Keep America Beautiful and Federal land managing agencies. Those who participate in this worthy endeavor have not only improved these lands and waters, but also have set an example for others to follow. Such stewardship embodies the spirit of commitment we hope to inspire with our "Take Pride in America" campaign, a partnership of Federal agencies, State and local governments, and private organizations to promote such voluntary efforts by individual Americans.

To celebrate and encourage these efforts on behalf of our public lands, the Congress, pursuant to Public Law 99-402, has designated the first Saturday after Labor Day of each year as "Federal Lands Cleanup Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 6, 1986, and the first Saturday after Labor Day in each successive year as Federal Lands Cleanup Day and urge all Americans to observe this day with appropriate activities that reflect our continuing dedication to the wise use and loving preservation of our natural and cultural resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of September, 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 eleventh.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5522 of September 10, 1986

National Hispanic Heritage Week, 1986

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

National Hispanic Heritage Week provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize and celebrate the great and varied contributions Hispanic Americans have made and continue to make to this country.

As a Nation of immigrants founded on universal ideals, America's vision of freedom based on God-given rights embraces all the people of the world.