The best approach to burn injury, of course, is prevention. Because a great number of burns could be prevented, there is a great need for national attention to all aspects of burn prevention.

We can all be truly grateful to the many Americans who devote themselves to treating, caring for, and rehabilitating burn victims; to all those involved in the vital work of burn research; to the dedicated fire fighters who risk their own lives daily to protect others; and to everyone who promotes burn awareness and prevention.

The Congress, by Public Law 99-538, has designated the week of February 9 through February 15, 1987, as "National Burn Awareness Week" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of February 9 through February 15, 1987, as National Burn Awareness Week. I call upon all government agencies, health organizations, communications media, and the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of December, 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.

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CHALLENGER, lost her life on January 28, 1986. May all Americans com-
memorate Sharon Christa McAuliffe and her brave companions. May we
also express our gratitude to everyone who continues the legacy of devo-
tion and excellence that she and the rest of America’s teachers have given
us through the years.

The Congress, by Public Law 99–460, has designated September 1986
through May 1987 as “National Year of the Teacher” and January 28, 1987,
as “National Teacher Appreciation Day” and authorized and requested the
President to issue a proclamation in observance of this year and of this
day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States
of America, do hereby proclaim the school year of September 1986 through
May 1987 as National Year of the Teacher and January 28, 1987, as Na-
tional Teacher Appreciation Day. I invite the Governors of every State, em-
ployers, community leaders, school superintendents, principals, educators, stu-
dents, parents, and all Americans to observe these events with appropriate
educational activities to recognize the importance of teachers in American
schools.

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

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5594 of December 22, 1986

National Day of Prayer, 1987

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

In 1952 the Congress of the United States, resuming a tradition observed by
the Continental Congress from 1776 to 1783 and followed intermittently
thereafter, adopted a resolution calling on the President to set aside and
proclaim a suitable day each year as a National Day of Prayer. At the time
the resolution was adopted, Americans were dying on the battlefield in
Korea. More than 125,000 of our young men had been killed or wounded in
that conflict, the third major war in which our troops were involved in a
century barely half over.

Members of Congress who spoke for the resolution made clear that they
felt the Nation continued to face the very same challenges that preoccupied
our Founders: the survival of freedom in a world frequently hostile to
human ideals and the struggle for faith in an age that openly doubted or
vehemently denied the existence of the Almighty. One Senator remarked
that “it would be timely and appropriate for the people of our Nation to
join in this service of prayer in the spirit of the founding fathers who be-
lieved that God governs in the affairs of men and who based their Declara-
tion of Independence upon a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Provi-
dence.”