

identifying and controlling a serious condition that is a major contributor to America's number one killer.

More than 20 medical, public health, and voluntary health organizations have joined with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute to form the National Cholesterol Education Program. These and other organizations have endorsed "Know Your Cholesterol" as an educational theme of this national effort.

The Congress, by Public Law 100-13, has designated the week of April 5 through April 11, 1987, as "Know Your Cholesterol 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 April 5 through April 11, 1987, as Know Your Cholesterol Week. I urge all Americans to become familiar with the dangers of high blood cholesterol and to take steps to determine their cholesterol levels and discuss the implications of their cholesterol measurement at their next visit to their doctor.

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

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5626 of April 8, 1987

National Former POW Recognition Day, 1987

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

More than 80,000 Americans living today are former prisoners of war. Many of these courageous men and women were subjected for months and years to brutal and inhumane treatment by their captors, in violation of international codes and customs for the treatment of prisoners of war. Many prisoners died or were disabled; all suffered prolonged and extraordinary hardships. The members of their families also endured torment, the agony of prolonged separation or of having no word of their loved ones.

The great courage and sacrifices of American prisoners of war and their families will live in the memory of our countrymen forever. These patriots—who served and suffered and prevailed for love of our country—deserve every tribute from a Nation proud and solemnly grateful for their faith and their valor.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 47, has designated April 9, 1987, as "National Former POW Recognition Day" 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 April 9, 1987, National Former POW Recog-

niton Day, and I urge all Americans to acknowledge the special debt we owe to our fellow citizens who underwent a great ordeal in the service of our country, and to their families. I also call upon government officials and private organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5627 of April 8, 1987

Small Business Week, 1987

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

An essential part of our heritage as Americans is our free enterprise system. America's millions of small business men and women exemplify the freedoms we all have—the freedoms to produce and create wealth as we choose, to earn and save and invest, to make opportunities for ourselves and others. Our rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness include and presuppose these rights, and our system of limited constitutional government enshrines them and protects them equally for all. We should be extremely grateful to all entrepreneurs for reminding us in their daily lives of the blessings and importance of economic freedom.

We can also be grateful for small business men and women's tremendous contributions to our economy, our competitiveness, and our entire way of life. They create wealth. They develop new products and services, enhance existing ones, offer jobs and opportunities to millions of other Americans, and help fuel our economic expansion for the benefit of all. Their innovation, initiative, and example prompt hundreds of thousands of Americans, including young people, to join their ranks and start their own small businesses each year. In just this way, through the years, have America's communities been born, our people employed, our towns and cities grown.

The creativity, confidence, and skills of small business men and women help ensure that America will continue to grow and prosper in freedom and opportunity. That is a source of great pride to every American.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of May 10 through May 16, 1987, as Small Business Week, and I urge all Americans to join with me in saluting our small business men and women by observing that week with appropriate activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the