ties directed toward assisting affected individuals and their families to enjoy to the fullest the blessings of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of Oc­
tober, 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
twelfth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5724 of October 8, 1987

National Job Skills Week, 1987

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

America's remarkable ability to create new jobs attests to the ingenuity
and vitality of our people and to the fundamental strength and effectiveness
of the free market economy. More Americans are working now than ever,
and millions of new jobs are being created each year, including many by
small business. Our observance of National Job Skills Week reminds us
that training for new job skills is of critical importance to our economy and
to our entire society.

The Department of Labor's Workforce 2000 study indicates a continuing
vital need for job skills training. Trends suggest that the rate of labor force
growth will diminish significantly and that the pool of workers, particularly
at the entry level, will be smaller. This situation may afford unique opportu­
nities for people from groups that historically have not entered the labor
market. It challenges schools, business, community-based organizations,
and government at all levels—Federal, State, and local—to continue to train
people in the skills they will need to find and keep good jobs as the re­
quirements of the workplace change. And it reminds us to pay careful at­
tention to the implications of changes underway in the nature of the work­
place and the composition of the work force.

To focus national attention on job training's role in maintaining a competi­
tive work force, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 72, has designated
the week of October 11 through October 17, 1987, as "National Job Skills
Week" and 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 the week of October 11 through October 17,
1987, as National Job Skills Week, and I urge all Americans and interested
groups to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of
October, 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
twelfth.

RONALD REAGAN