

For them we seek ways to continue or initiate every possible measure of independence, dignity, and integration in family and community life. We do so not only out of recognition of all that today's older citizens have achieved over the years, but also because of our long national history and heritage of respect for the elderly and reverence for the individual dignity and worth inherent in each of us alike.

One way that Americans are helping older citizens is by establishing adult day care centers. Some 1,200 such centers now serve older Americans who are frail, disabled, or requiring regular medical care and who might otherwise need care in a long-term facility. These centers often exist in hospitals, nursing homes, and senior centers; they offer a range of programs from health services to therapy, meals, and social activities. The centers benefit the elderly—and give a vital assist to dedicated family caregivers so they can meet their own needs.

The number of adult day care centers has grown rapidly over the past two decades, and State and Area Agencies on Aging, as well as social service and health care agencies, support the creation of additional centers across our country. Concerned citizens can and should work with their States and Area Agencies on Aging to see that their community has one of these truly beneficial adult day care center programs.

The Congress, by Public Law 100-344, has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday of September 1988 as "National Adult Day Care Center Week" 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 the week beginning the third Sunday of September 1988 as National Adult Day Care Center Week, and I call upon the people of the United States to observe this occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5856 of September 8, 1988

National Farm Safety Week, 1988

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

All of us, and people around the world as well, appreciate the men and women of American agriculture whose knowledge, skills, and hard work enable them to provide so much of our food and fiber. Because of the high rates of occupational and nonoccupational mishaps they incur, however, we also express our concern for the safety and health of these fellow citizens and their children and our pride in their efforts in behalf of farm and ranch safety as they go about daily living.

Fortunately, many disabling and fatal work and off-the-job injuries and illnesses are preventable, and in simple and practical ways. We can invariably work, drive, and live safely by taking full advantage of protective equipment and other safeguards and by using extra care throughout the day. Many engineering improvements in the tools of agriculture have been made through the years, and they have been a great boon. But individuals also make a difference in eliminating risks from agriculture and rural living by their willingness and ability to exercise care and expertise in every daily activity, whether at work or play, whether at home or on the roads and highways.

During National Farm Safety Week and throughout the year, we should express our esteem and gratitude to all who live and work on farms and ranches for their inestimable contributions to our way of life and for their continued efforts in support of safety and health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of September 18 through September 24, 1988, as National Farm Safety Week. I urge all who live and work on farms or ranches to take necessary precautions for safety and health, both on the job and off, both at home and on the roads. I also urge all who serve and supply agricultural producers to support community safety and health efforts in every way. I encourage all Americans to take part in appropriate events and activities in observance of National Farm Safety Week and to note all that Americans in agriculture achieve for our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5857 of September 9, 1988

Youth 2000 Week, 1988

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A Proclamation*

America is at once the world's oldest Republic and a Nation whose spirit is made forever young by our heritage and our future of liberty, justice, and opportunity. The American people cherish the children God has granted us. We seek to give young people a good start in life through our care, encouragement, and training and our transmittal of the enduring values that provide stability, vision, and strength. Youth 2000 Week, 1988, offers us a chance to reflect on our success in these areas; on the good qualities and countless achievements of young Americans; and on all we can and must do to guide and assist youngsters into responsibility, self-reliance, and fulfilling lives as adults—into saying yes to life and to healthy attitudes and behavior.

Just as in generations past, the continued well-being of our country depends on the development and preparation of youth in the skills they