

Neville Chamberlain only a few weeks before was not to be. It took World War II to eliminate the Nazi threat to humanity and to our most sacred values.

Fifty years later, in our Nation's Capital, we have now laid the cornerstone for a national museum to commemorate those who perished in the Holocaust foreshadowed by Kristallnacht. We are determined as Americans to keep their memory fresh and enduring. We resolve to remind ourselves of the enormous evil of which mankind is capable and to remain vigilant.

We know that anti-Semitism is still present in the world and that there are still those who oppress others for their race, creed, or color and their simple desire for self-determination and a better life. We know where such racism and prejudice can lead. Let us ever recall that a remedy exists; it is our profound belief in and our readiness to defend the immortal declaration "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." If we hold fast to these truths we will find the inspiration and the power to prevent inhumanity on the face of the earth.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 654, has designated November 4 through November 10, 1988, as "Week of Remembrance of Kristallnacht" 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 November 4 through November 10, 1988, as Week of Remembrance of Kristallnacht. I call upon 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 fourth day of November, 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 5898 of November 4, 1988**

### **National Teacher Appreciation Day, 1988**

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

Education requires devotion and hard work from student and teacher alike, and good teachers are inseparable from learning at any age. Education is a lifelong process that benefits individuals and entire communities and countries and helps lay the foundation of the future. We should all express our gratitude to the teachers among us who seek to offer pupils a thirst for knowledge, a solid education, and the inspiration to achieve and excel throughout life.

Teachers do an incalculable amount of good as they teach pupils how to study and learn; provide instruction in the skills of reading, writing,

mathematics, languages, history, the sciences, and other disciplines; and transmit understanding of and appreciation for the many influences that have shaped our land of liberty and justice. Teachers do much good as well as they offer vocational instruction, continuing education, and education for special needs. By word and deed, teachers foster intellectual and all-around development; they must do so in conjunction with the example and guidance parents and families give their youngsters.

Our country's great teachers often make many sacrifices as they fulfill their countless responsibilities. They have earned, and truly deserve, the utmost gratitude and esteem of students, parents, and community members.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 438, has designated November 4, 1988, as "National Teacher Appreciation Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 4, 1988, as National Teacher Appreciation Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of November, 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 5899 of November 4, 1988**

### **National Farm-City Week, 1988**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

Communication systems are the essential circuitry of democracy, the lifelines of information and ideas that provide the motive power for economic growth, social development, and personal enrichment. Throughout our history as a Nation of great size and dynamic opportunities, America has relied on the creation and extension of new lines of communication as a primary means of achieving greater cohesion and more rapid transfer of knowledge and services.

During National Farm-City Week, we pause to recognize formally this aspect of our heritage and to rededicate ourselves to the goal of open and effective communication between rural and urban people, groups, and institutions. The pace of change in this regard has been truly extraordinary over the past century—with, for example, rural free delivery, the telephone, radio, and television. From the vantage point of the late 20th century, it may be hard for us to imagine how significant these and other developments in urban-rural communication actually were.