

Proclamation 5906 of November 10, 1988

**National China-Burma-India Veterans Appreciation Day,
1988**

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

More than 40 years after the end of World War II, America is a Nation proud, strong, and at peace. We should be ever mindful, however, that the peace and the freedom we now enjoy have been won through the sacrifices of those who served during times of conflict.

Many courageous Americans fought long and arduously to stop the Japanese advance in the Far East during World War II. These patriots surely deserve our admiration and respect. We should especially recognize the heroism and unwavering purpose of those who took part in the battles and campaigns of the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations, scene of some of the most intense fighting during the war. Thousands risked their lives to transport military supplies across rugged and treacherous terrain after the fall of Burma and the loss of the famous Burma supply route in 1942. Many others flew with the U.S. Air Transport Command over a 500-mile route, the "Hump," which stretched over the Himalayas from India to Western China. When the first supplies were brought into China over the "Stilwell Road" in 1945, a victory was won for all free nations.

It is most fitting that on Veterans Day weekend, 1988, we acknowledge the special contributions made by these fellow citizens in our country's cause.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 12, 1988, as National China-Burma-India Veterans Appreciation Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth 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 5907 of November 10, 1988

National Firefighters Day, 1988

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

Each year, fires claim some 6,000 lives in our country and destroy property worth \$10 billion. The toll would be much higher were it not for the skilled and dedicated individuals who are our Nation's firefighters. These Americans, our friends and neighbors, confront danger every day

as they protect our lives, homes, and communities. They exemplify the very best in the American spirit. On National Firefighters Day, 1988, and all year long, we owe municipal, volunteer, and all other firefighters our heartfelt thanks, our utmost respect, and our thorough cooperation in their fire prevention, rescue, and safety efforts.

Last year, 127 firefighters gave their lives in the line of duty. Let us pause in solemn and prayerful remembrance of these fallen heroes and of all firefighters who have given their lives through the years. Let us also be sure to extend our support and sympathy to their brave families.

From the days of firefighters' hand-drawn rigs in the 18th century to those of the 19th-century horse-drawn engines, and on to today's modern fire and rescue vehicles, Americans young and old have thrilled, during many a parade on many a Main Street or Maple Avenue throughout our land, to colorful and exciting displays of powerful firefighting equipment. But we have thrilled even more in understanding and appreciation of firefighters' critical mission and their indispensable spirit of courage, service, and sacrifice. May such recognition always inspire us to salute and thank America's firefighters for all they do for each of us.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 649, has designated November 12, 1988, as "National Firefighters 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 12, 1988, as National Firefighters Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth 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 5908 of November 18, 1988

To Amend the Quantitative Limitations on Imports of Certain Cheeses

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

1. Import limitations have been imposed on certain cheeses pursuant to the provisions of Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, as amended (7 U.S.C. 624). Section 701 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, P.L. 96-39 (the "Act"), requires that the President by proclamation limit the quantity of cheese of the types specified therein that may enter the United States in any calendar year after 1979 to not more than 111,000 metric tons.