

An informed and educated citizenry is essential to reducing the earthquake risk. Federal, State, and local governments, educational institutions, business, industry, volunteer and service organizations, and individual citizens should increase efforts in mitigating the impact of earthquakes on families, communities, and the Nation.

The Congress, by Public Law 100-706, has designated the first week of April 1989 as "National Earthquake Awareness Week" and authorized and requested the President to issue a commemorative proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the first week of April 1989 as National Earthquake Awareness Week, and I call upon all public officials and the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities.

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

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 5948 of April 2, 1989

National Child Care Awareness Week, 1989

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Parents have no greater responsibility than their children—the precious persons entrusted to their care and protection. For millions of American families, child care is an increasingly important issue. With an increasing number of single-parent families and the proportion of mothers who work outside the home in two-parent families rising, more and more parents are seeking help in caring for their children.

The majority of those needing child care turn to family members, friends, or neighbors. Others seek support from an array of nonprofit and proprietary child care providers operating in the country today. Churches and church-affiliated programs also play a vital role in caring for our Nation's children, providing quality day care and the religious atmosphere that many parents desire.

Increasing the range of child care options available to parents—particularly those who head families of modest means—will benefit the Nation's children, their parents, and the country as a whole. Parents need options that allow them to make the child care arrangements that best meet their families' needs and preferences.

"National Child Care Awareness Week" is a time when we recognize the importance of quality child care and applaud the dedicated and concerned individuals who provide that care.

It is also a time to renew our efforts to be creative and energetic in increasing the variety of child care arrangements available to parents.

We must always remember that parents are best able to make decisions about their children's care and should have the ability to do so freely.

As we celebrate "National Child Care Awareness Week," let us rededicate ourselves to improving care for the children of America. Let us also recognize that while the specific child care requirements of families differ, the provision of loving and supportive care is a need all children share.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 50, has designated the week beginning April 2, 1989, as "National Child Care Awareness Week" and has requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning April 2, 1989, as National Child Care Awareness Week. I call upon all Americans to join with me in honoring the parents, relatives, schools, churches, and commercial child care providers who accept the enormously important responsibility of helping to care for our children. National Child Care Awareness Week affords us a welcome opportunity to offer them recognition and encouragement.

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

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 5949 of April 6, 1989

Cancer Control Month, 1989

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

Over the past several decades, extensive scientific research has contributed to dramatic victories in the fight against cancer. Today, more Americans are being cured of cancer than ever before, but we still face a major challenge: to use all we have learned about cancer prevention, detection, and treatment to save even more lives.

To attain our national goal of cutting in half the cancer death rate by the year 2000, we must first curb tobacco use among all segments of society. Recent gains are evident on many fronts: Public awareness of the dangers of cigarette smoking continues to increase, and smoking prevalence rates among adults are at their lowest levels in 30 years. Most States have enacted laws restricting smoking in public places. Nevertheless, more than 50 million Americans still smoke or use smokeless tobacco. Efforts to deter young people from smoking should continue, and more can be done to help current smokers quit for good.

We now know that certain foods, notably fruits, vegetables, and whole-grain breads and cereals, may help prevent a variety of cancers. While most people believe diet and nutrition influence one's chances of devel-