

ing the accomplishments of our Nation's farmers and all those who cooperate in producing the abundance of agricultural goods that enrich and strengthen the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of November, 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 fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6071 of November 15, 1989

National Philanthropy Day, 1989

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Noting the American people's willingness to work together in order to assist a neighbor or improve their communities, the great French social philosopher, Alexis de Tocqueville, once asked, "What political power could ever carry on the vast multitude of lesser undertakings which the American citizens perform every day, with the assistance of the principle of association?" This spirit of voluntary association and service to others continues to be a proud portion of the American character. Today, nonprofit philanthropic organizations in the United States number in the hundreds of thousands. These organizations employ millions of people, many of them volunteers. The American people give generously to all of them—not only through financial contributions but also through regular donations of their time, talents, and material resources.

Today, we recognize and salute the outstanding work done by members of our Nation's philanthropic organizations. Through their schools, churches, local museums, cultural centers, youth groups, hospitals, research institutions, and many other organizations, millions of concerned Americans are generously serving others. Whether bringing aid and comfort to the sick, the elderly, and the disadvantaged, or providing rewarding educational and recreational opportunities for everyone, these individuals are illustrating that there is no better exercise for the human heart than reaching out and lifting someone else up.

In recognition of all those who lead, staff, and support our Nation's charitable organizations, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 86, has designated November 17, 1989, as "National Philanthropy Day" and has requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 17, 1989, as National Philanthropy Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6072 of November 16, 1989

Hunger Education Month, 1989

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Famines create headlines. When famine strikes in any region of the world, millions of people rally to help those at risk of starving to death. Chronic hunger, however, often receives far less attention, even though millions of people around the world suffer daily from its effects. Hunger is particularly acute in a number of less developed countries where food supplies have been depleted by poverty, political strife, and civil war.

Over the years, the American people have responded generously to the needs of those affected by famine and chronic hunger. The United States has not only met but exceeded its pledge to the international Food Aid Convention. Through U.S. Food for Peace and other programs, Americans provided more than half of all the grain shipped worldwide through food aid programs during the year that ended in June—more than all other contributing nations combined.

However, we know that contributions of food alone will not provide a lasting solution to chronic hunger. As the ancient proverb so eloquently reminds us, "Give a man a fish, and you have fed him for a day. Teach a man how to fish, and you have fed him for a lifetime."

Poverty and hunger cannot be eliminated simply by donations of food. The development of free market economies also plays a vital role. The United States is working to alleviate hunger in poor nations by encouraging the development of policies that harness the power of individual initiative and free enterprise. We are working to help these countries increase their food production, and we are exploring ways to help them generate sufficient revenues to buy, store, and distribute essential agricultural goods.

If our Nation is to remain responsive to the needs of those who suffer from hunger, and if we are to continue to use our resources effectively in the fight against it, all Americans need to understand its causes and effects. Our schools and community organizations can play vital roles in heightening public awareness of world hunger by conducting educational programs designed to examine this tragic problem and the means we can use to help solve it.

To focus attention on the importance of education in the fight against world hunger, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 198, has designated the month of November 1989 as "An End to Hunger Education Month" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this month.