on National Agriculture Day. Today, we give thanks not only for the bountiful harvests that bring our daily bread, but also for the courageous and industrious men and women who reap them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, 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 March 20, 1990, as National Agriculture 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 twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Editorial note: For the President’s remarks of Mar. 20, 1990, on signing Proclamation 6110, see the Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents (vol. 26, p. 448).

Proclamation 6111 of March 30, 1990

United States Naval Reserve Month, 1990

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

On March 3, 1915, the Congress enacted legislation establishing the Federal Navy Reserve. That act has enabled the United States to remain at a high level of military preparedness in times of peace, as well as in times of crisis.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans have served this Nation proudly and ably as Naval Reservists. More than 600,000 Naval Reservists rallied to action during World War I. During the Second World War, when the United States was embroiled in a life-and-death struggle to defend freedom and democracy from the brutal forces of totalitarianism, 80 percent of our Naval personnel were reservists. Whenever the lives of innocent people have been threatened, whenever any of our other national interests have been at stake, our reservists have demonstrated clearly their value as part of America’s fighting forces.

During the Berlin Crisis, the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, the Mayaguez incident, and in Grenada, the Persian Gulf, and Panama, Naval Reservists consistently played vital roles in advancing our national objectives. Yet they have also provided invaluable assistance to their country during nonmilitary emergencies. For example, in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo and the devastating 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake that struck the San Francisco Bay area, hardworking Naval Reservists were on the front lines of relief efforts.

The men and women of the Naval Reserve boast a long tradition of courageous and dedicated service to their fellowman. As we enter a new decade and a new century, their operational readiness will continue to be critical to our Nation’s security and well-being. That is why, as we salute all Naval Reservists, we also pay tribute to their families
and employers—their generous support and encouragement help our res­
servists to fulfill the dual role of citizen-sailor.

In honor of the thousands of Americans who have served this country
as U.S. Naval Reservists, and in grateful recognition of those reservists
who have given their lives in the line of duty, the Congress, by Senate
Joint Resolution 266, has designated March 1990 as "United States
Naval Reserve Month" and has authorized and 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 March 1990, the 75th anniversary of
the Naval Reserve, as United States Naval Reserve Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth
day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and
of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred
and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6112 of April 5, 1990

National Safe Boating Week, 1990

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

We Americans have been blessed with some of the most beautiful and
accessible lakes, rivers, and coastal waters in the world. It is our good
fortune to have the freedom and ability to use these areas for our per­
sonal recreation and enjoyment.

Every year, increasing numbers of Americans purchase or rent boats
and utilize our marine resources. The growing popularity of boating
and related water sports is placing a great demand on the Coast Guard
and other government agencies and voluntary organizations that strive
to ensure the safety of the boating public. Thus, during National Safe
Boating Week, in a concerted effort to save lives and protect our
marine environment, dedicated men and women across the country
work to give their fellow Americans the knowledge and skills they
need to become safer and more responsible boaters.

Offering wise counsel under the theme, "Know Before You Go," quali­
fied volunteers and professionals are encouraging boaters to learn
more about their craft and how to operate them safely. A pilot must
have thorough knowledge of his or her vessel and the rules and courte­
sies of navigation. Every boater should know how to identify and oper­
ate safety equipment, and every pilot should carefully inspect and
maintain such equipment. For example, life jackets should be routinely
checked, tested, and properly fitted. All boaters should know the
marine environment in which they will be operating, as well as the pre­
vailing and forecasted weather conditions in the area. They must also
know and accept their personal limitations, as well as their responsibil­
ity to obey the law and protect the safety of passengers and other
boaters.