

**Proclamation 6459 of July 20, 1992****Lyme Disease Awareness Week, 1992**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

At a time when millions of Americans are taking advantage of warm summer weather to enjoy hiking, gardening in the backyard, and other outdoor activities, it is fitting that we remind ourselves of the health threat posed by Lyme disease. Discovered in 1975 by a rheumatologist who noted a high incidence of arthritis among patients living in wooded areas in and near Lyme, Connecticut, Lyme disease is a potentially debilitating bacterial infection that is transmitted to humans by the bite of a very small tick. These ticks feed primarily on deer and mice—although they may also be found on cats, dogs, and birds—and individuals who work or play in wooded, brushy areas are prime targets for tick bites.

While it is most prevalent in the coastal Northeast and in Wisconsin, Minnesota, northern California, and Oregon, Lyme disease has been reported in almost every State. Hence, all Americans should be aware of the importance of prevention and early detection.

Persons who spend time in wooded areas are advised to take precautions against being bitten by the tick that carries Lyme disease. These measures include using tick repellents, avoiding long grass or brush, covering up well with light-colored slacks and long-sleeved shirts, and carefully examining oneself for ticks after returning from the out-of-doors.

Early symptoms of Lyme disease may include a red, bull's-eye-shaped rash at the site of a tick bite, headache, low-grade fever, joint pain, and fatigue. Fortunately, when the disease is detected early, most persons respond well to treatment with antibiotics. If left undetected, however, Lyme disease can lead to chronic arthritis and to serious problems of the nervous system and heart. Therefore, persons who are at risk of contracting Lyme disease and who exhibit symptoms are urged to consult their physician.

Federal agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control, along with numerous physicians and scientists in the private sector, are continuing the fight against Lyme disease. Researchers are developing more reliable diagnostic laboratory tests, as well as new therapies for the disease. They are also making progress toward a vaccine while studying new ways to eradicate the tick-borne bacterium that causes Lyme disease.

In support of these efforts, the Congress, by Public Law 102-319, has designated the week beginning July 26, 1992, as "Lyme Disease Awareness Week" and has requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning July 26, 1992, as Lyme Disease Awareness Week. I encourage all Americans to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities in order to enhance their understanding of Lyme disease.

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

GEORGE BUSH

**Proclamation 6460 of July 21, 1992**

**Minority Enterprise Development Week, 1992**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

Adherence to the principles of independent entrepreneurship and free enterprise has long formed the bedrock of America's economic strength. By guaranteeing the freedom of individuals to engage in private industry and commerce and by permitting them to reap the fruits of their labor, the United States has provided a model of growth and progress for the world. The creative energy and genius of the American people, unfettered by excessive government intervention in the marketplace, have enabled our Nation to achieve unparalleled levels of productivity and strength.

At a time when dramatic changes in the global marketplace are presenting new challenges and opportunities for American business and industry, our Nation's continued economic progress calls for the full participation and support of all citizens, regardless of gender, race, or ethnic background. During this 10th annual observance of Minority Enterprise Development Week, we recognize that our Nation's minority business community, which includes more than 1 million minority entrepreneurs, must be part of the United States strategy to remain a leader in the increasingly competitive world economy.

Minority Americans have long recognized that freedom and equality also require economic opportunity and independence. By making the most of every opportunity and by achieving economic advancement through determination and hard work, minority business men and women have set wonderful examples for others. Such a drive to succeed offers inspiration as we strengthen our Nation's commitment to producing high quality products and services that are competitive in the global marketplace. A similar commitment to excellence underlies America 2000, our national campaign to promote learning and achievement and to ensure that every American has the knowledge and skills that are necessary to lead a full, productive life in an increasingly technological workplace.

The spirit that we celebrate during Minority Enterprise Development Week is the spirit that will lead the United States to even greater heights of prosperity and progress in the next century. It is the spirit of individuals who avail themselves of every opportunity to fulfill the American dream and who help to extend opportunities to others, thereby enriching themselves, their communities, and our country.

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 the week of Septem-