

## NATIONAL MARITIME DAY, 1953

May 8, 1953  
[No. 3014]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the American Merchant Marine has continued to aid in developing our peaceful commercial relations with the nations of the free world; and

WHEREAS, through the prompt delivery of supplies and equipment to our armed forces overseas, and of cargoes representing economic and military aid to friendly nations, the American Merchant Marine has effectively helped to strengthen the forces of freedom throughout the world; and

36 USC 145.

WHEREAS the Congress by a joint resolution approved May 20, 1933 (48 Stat. 73), designated May 22 as National Maritime Day, thus honoring the Merchant Marine by commemorating the departure from Savannah, Georgia, on May 22, 1819, of *The Savannah*, on the first transoceanic voyage by any steamship, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually calling for the observance of that day:

National Maritime  
Day, 1953.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to observe Friday, May 22, 1953, as National Maritime Day by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes or other suitable places; and I direct the appropriate officials of the Government to arrange for the display of the flag on all Government buildings on that day. I also request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on the appointed day in honor of our Merchant Marine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this eighth day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-seventh.

DWIGHT D EISENHOWER

By the President:

JOHN FOSTER DULLES  
*Secretary of State*

## NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

May 8, 1953  
[No. 3015]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS mental illness constitutes one of the Nation's most difficult and costly problems; and

WHEREAS there is urgent need for more trained personnel to carry on research on mental illness and the treatment of the mentally ill; and

WHEREAS citizens' voluntary mental health organizations—national, State, and local—are working diligently in this battle to build sound mental health; and

WHEREAS the efforts of these private organizations and the mental health fund which they are raising through public subscription are deserving of generous support by all of our citizens; and

WHEREAS the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, through the National Institute of Mental Health of the Public Health Service, and also State and local governments, are mobilizing appropriate governmental resources to aid in the fight for sound mental health for all citizens of this Nation; and

WHEREAS Senate Resolution 93 of the 83d Congress, 1st Session, adopted May 5, 1953, requests the President of the United States to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning May 3 and ending May 9, 1953, as National Mental Health Week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning May 3 and ending May 9, 1953, as National Mental Health Week; and I urge the people throughout the Nation to cooperate in the fight against mental illness, and invite the communities of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

National Mental  
Health Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this eighth day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-seventh.

DWIGHT D EISENHOWER.

By the President:

JOHN FOSTER DULLES  
*Secretary of State.*

#### PRAYER FOR PEACE, MEMORIAL DAY, 1953

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

May 21, 1953  
[No. 3016]

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the bodies of our war dead lie buried in hallowed plots throughout the land, and it has long been our custom to decorate their graves on Memorial Day in token of our respect for them as beloved friends and kinsmen and of our aspiration that war may be removed from the earth forever; and

WHEREAS it is fitting that, while remembering the sacrifices of our countrymen, we join in united prayers to Almighty God for peace on earth; and

WHEREAS the Congress, in a joint resolution approved May 11, 1950, provided that Memorial Day should thenceforth be set aside nationally as a day of prayer for permanent peace and requested

64 Stat. 158.