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.
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

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
that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day in that manner:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Memorial Day, Saturday, May 30, 1953, as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and I designate the hour beginning at eleven o'clock in the morning of that day, Eastern Daylight Saving Time, as a period in which all the people of the Nation, each according to his religious faith, may unite in solemn prayer.

Let us make that day one of twofold dedication. Let us reverently honor those who have fallen in war, and rededicate ourselves through prayer to the cause of peace, to the end that the day may come when we shall never have another war—never another Unknown Soldier.

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 twenty-first 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:

WALTER B. SMITH
Acting Secretary of State

Flag Day, 1953

WHEREAS the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, adopted the design of our Nation's flag, which we cherish as the emblem of our freedom, our strength, and our unity; and

WHEREAS the flag also symbolizes our glorious past and our determination to preserve in the future those ideals and principles which are the foundations of our Nation's greatness; and

WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved August 3, 1949 (62 Stat. 492), designated June 14 of each year as Flag Day and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its observance:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby direct that the flag be displayed on all Government buildings on Sunday, June 14, 1953, and I call upon all our people to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies. Let us display the flag proudly at our homes and other suitable places, giving solemn thought to the inestimable privileges of living under its protective stars and stripes, and let us rededicate ourselves to the corresponding obligations—of patriotism, service, and mutual respect—which are inherent in those privileges.