CITIZENSHIP DAY, 1954

April 23, 1954
[No. 3050]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

36 USC 153, 154.

WHEREAS by joint resolution approved February 29, 1952 (66 Stat. 9), the Congress of the United States has designated the seventeenth day of September of each year as Citizenship Day in commemoration of the signing on September 17, 1787, of the Constitution of the United States and in recognition of all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, enjoy the privileges and assume the responsibilities of citizenship; and

WHEREAS our Constitution, which guarantees priceless freedoms to us as citizens of the United States and to our posterity and sets forth a concept of liberty that has been an inspiration to freedom-loving people everywhere, takes on still deeper meaning in these days of critical international affairs; and

WHEREAS the aforesaid resolution authorizes the President of the United States to issue annually a proclamation calling for the observance of Citizenship Day:

Citizenship Day, 1954.
Observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do direct the appropriate officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Friday, September 17, 1954, and urge the people of the Nation to display the flag on that day at their homes and other suitable places.

I also urge Federal, State, and local officials, and patriotic, religious, educational, civic, and other interested organizations, to arrange for appropriate ceremonies on Citizenship Day in which all our citizens may join for rededication to the great principles for which this Nation stands.

And I call upon all our people to give special thought and consideration on that day both to their rights and to their responsibilities as citizens of the United States, to the end that our citizenship may have deeper meaning and greater strength.

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-third day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-eighth.

[SEAL]

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:
WALTER B. SMITH
Acting Secretary of State

NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

April 27, 1954
[No. 3051]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS mental illness is a health problem of major proportions touching the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in the United States every day; and

WHEREAS citizens of the Nation working through voluntary and professional organizations and mental-health societies are striving to

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acquaint the public with the action which is needed to combat this tragic illness; and

WHEREAS the work of these organizations and the mental-health funds which they are raising through public subscription are deserving of generous support by all of us; and

WHEREAS the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare is actively engaged in programs of research, training, and rehabilitation, and other activities designed to strengthen the attack on mental illness; and

WHEREAS Senate Joint Resolution 130 of the 83d Congress, 2nd Session, approved April 27, 1954, requests the President of the United States to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning May 2 and ending May 8, 1954, as National Mental Health Week:

Ante, p. 63.

National Mental Health Week, 1954.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning Sunday, May 2 and ending Saturday, May 8, 1954, as National Mental Health Week. I also urge the people throughout the Nation to cooperate in the work now being done to build sound mental health and to strengthen our forces against mental illness, and I invite the communities of the United States to observe National Mental Health 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 27th day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-eighth.

[SEAL]

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:
WALTER B. SMITH
Acting Secretary of State

MOTHER'S DAY, 1954

April 29, 1954
[No. 3052]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS our mothers are enshrined in our hearts as symbols of those high ideals which have fostered our growth as a great Nation; and

WHEREAS we are wont to unite on one day each year in paying special tribute to our mothers, whose love and care and teaching have guided us in youth and blessed us in maturity; and

WHEREAS the Congress gave formal recognition to that custom by a joint resolution approved May 8, 1914 (38 Stat. 770), which set aside the second Sunday in May of each year as Mother's Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation calling for the observance of that day:

36 USC 142.

Mother's Day, 1954.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby request that Sunday, May 9, 1954, be observed as Mother's Day; and I direct the appropriate officials of the Government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day.

I also call upon the people generally to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places, as an expression of love for their own mothers and reverence for the mothers of our country.