

PRAYER FOR PEACE, MEMORIAL DAY, 1955

May 24, 1955
[No. 3096]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Memorial Day each year serves as a solemn reminder of the scourge of war and its bitter aftermath of sorrow; and

WHEREAS this day has traditionally been devoted to paying homage to loved ones who lie in hallowed graves throughout the land, having sacrificed their lives that war might end; and

WHEREAS in tribute to these silent dead it is fitting that we lift up our voices together in supplication to Almighty God for wisdom in our search for an enduring peace; and

WHEREAS the Congress, in a joint resolution approved May 11, 1950, provided that Memorial Day should be set aside as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and requested the President to 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, Monday, the thirtieth of May, 1955, as a day of Nation-wide prayer for permanent peace, and I designate the hour beginning in each locality at eleven o'clock in the morning as a period in which the people of this Nation may unite in beseeching God to guide the nations of the world into the ways of peace.

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 24th day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and of the
[SEAL] Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-ninth.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:

JOHN FOSTER DULLES,
Secretary of State.

FLAG DAY, 1955

June 1, 1955
[No. 3097]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the flag which we cherish as the emblem of our unity, our strength, and our free institutions, was adopted by resolution of the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777; and

WHEREAS under the protecting folds of this banner generations of Americans have enjoyed the blessings of liberty and justice inherent in our form of government; and

WHEREAS it has become our custom to observe June 14 with appropriate ceremonies commemorative of the adoption of the flag and expressive of our devotion to the Republic which it so nobly represents; and

WHEREAS in recognition of the fitness of such commemoration, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved August 3, 1949 (63 Stat. 492), designated June 14 of each year as Flag Day and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its observance:

Flag Day, 1955.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the appropriate officials of the Federal Government, and of the State and local Governments, to arrange for the display of our colors on all public buildings on Flag Day, June 14, 1955; and I urge all of our people to observe the day by flying the Stars and Stripes at their homes or other suitable places and by participating in ceremonies especially designed to honor the flag of the United States.

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 first day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-ninth.

[SEAL] DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
By the President:
JOHN FOSTER DULLES,
Secretary of State.

CITIZENSHIP DAY, 1955

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

June 1, 1955
[No. 3098]

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, by joint resolution approved February 29, 1952 (66 Stat. 9), the Congress of the United States has designated the 17th day of September of each year as Citizenship Day in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787, and in recognition of all our citizens who have come of age and all who have been naturalized during the year; and

36 USC 153, 154.

WHEREAS in this time of world uncertainty and unrest it is most appropriate that every one of our citizens, whether native-born or foreign-born, give special thought to the priceless blessings secured to us by our Constitution; and

WHEREAS the aforesaid resolution authorizes the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for the observance of Citizenship Day with appropriate ceremonies:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, call upon the appropriate officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Saturday, September 17, 1955, and urge the people of the Nation to display the flag on that day at their homes and other suitable places.

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I also urge Federal, State and local officials, as well as religious, civic, patriotic, educational, and other organizations, to arrange for appropriate ceremonies on Citizenship Day, in schools and churches and other appropriate places, to the end that all of us may gain a deeper appreciation of our rights and responsibilities as citizens of the United States.

And I also call upon all our citizens to renew and reaffirm their allegiance on that day to the principles and ideals embodied in the Constitution—the foundation of our strength and the symbol of freedom and justice for all.