

I urge all boatmen, boating organizations, the boating industry, State and Federal agencies, and all other groups interested in boating to join in this observance of National Safe Boating Week; and I call upon them to exert greater effort during that week and throughout the boating season to keep boating safe and pleasant.

I also invite the Governors of the States, the Territory of Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the possessions of the United States to provide for the observance of this Week to encourage nationwide interest in safe boating practices.

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 April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, and of [SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-third.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:

CHRISTIAN A. HERTER,  
*Secretary of State.*

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CITIZENSHIP DAY AND CONSTITUTION WEEK, 1959

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

April 25, 1959  
[No. 3288]

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS our freedom as individuals and our growth as a Nation have their beginnings in the Constitution of the United States, signed at Philadelphia on September 17, 1787, the principles of which have been sustained and defended, in peace and in war, by generations of dedicated citizens; and

WHEREAS it is fitting that all citizens, both native-born and naturalized, observe the birthday of the Constitution and reaffirm their determination to keep faith with the Founding Fathers by giving life and meaning to the ideals of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS by a joint resolution approved February 29, 1952 (66 Stat. 9), the Congress designated the seventeenth day of September of each year as Citizenship Day in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution and in recognition of those citizens who have come of age and those who have been naturalized during the year; and

36 USC 153.

WHEREAS by a joint resolution approved August 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 932), the Congress requested the President to designate the week beginning September 17 of each year as Constitution Week, a time for study and observance of the acts which resulted in the formation of the Constitution; and

36 USC 159.

WHEREAS the aforesaid resolutions of the Congress authorize the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for the observance of Citizenship Day and Constitution Week:

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 Citizenship Day, September 17, 1959; and I urge Federal, State, and local officials, as well as all religious, civic, educational, and other organizations, to plan appropriate ceremonies on Citizenship Day to develop a better understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

I also designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1959, as Constitution Week; and I urge the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities in their schools and churches and in other suitable places.

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-fifth day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-third.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:

CHRISTIAN A. HERTER,  
*Secretary of State.*

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NATIONAL MARITIME DAY, 1959

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the United States has long fostered and encouraged the development and maintenance of a strong Merchant Marine; and

WHEREAS this is the year in which the N.S. *Savannah*, the world's first nuclear-powered merchant ship, will be launched upon the high seas; and

WHEREAS this ship provides another visible sign of the determination of the American people to devote the power of the atom to the furtherance of peaceful trade and to the progress of humanity; and

WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved May 20, 1933 (48 Stat. 73), designated May 22 as National Maritime Day, in commemoration of the departure from Savannah, Georgia, on May 22, 1819, of the S.S. *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:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the citizens of the United States to honor our Merchant Marine on Friday, May 22, 1959, 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 National Maritime Day in tribute to the American 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 27th day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, and of [SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-third.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:

CHRISTIAN A. HERTER,  
*Secretary of State.*

April 27, 1959  
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36 USC 145.