

I also invite the Governors of the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to join in this observance in an effort to make this year the safest in the history of recreational boating.

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 fourth day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and [SEAL] sixty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-fifth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

CENTENNIAL OF THE UNIFICATION OF ITALY

By the President of the United States
of America

A Proclamation

March 8, 1961
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WHEREAS the centennial of the unification of Italy, which occurs in 1961, commemorates a great event in the history of nations; and

WHEREAS, in observance of the centennial, there will be many celebrations in Italy, in the United States, and in many other countries as events of a century ago are relived; and

WHEREAS we in America are confident that the people of Italy, in the celebrations reenacting the events and experiences associated with their struggle for unification a century ago, will find renewed strength to further their vital contributions to the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS it is the sense of the Congress, expressed by House Concurrent Resolution 225, agreed to July 2, 1960, that the President extend official greet-

ings from the United States to the people of Italy on the occasion of the centennial of the unification of Italy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby extend greetings and felicitations from the people of the United States to the people of Italy on the occasion of the centennial of the unification of Italy, in recognition of the progress and achievements of the Italian people during the past century and the bonds of friendship between our two nations.

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 March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and [SEAL] sixty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-fifth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

ARMED FORCES DAY

By the President of the United States
of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS the survival of our cherished freedoms is dependent in large measure upon the capabilities of our armed forces to discourage totalitarian aggression; and

WHEREAS the armed forces of the United States serve as a unified team, at home and across the seas, in the pursuit of a durable peace; and

WHEREAS the strength of our armed forces rests not alone upon their active and reserve members, our industrial productivity, and our human resources, but also upon the understanding and support of an informed American people; and

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