

grams and activities demonstrating the importance of youth fitness to the end that we may assure the continuing strength and well-being of our people.

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-ninth day of April 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.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY WEEK, 1961
By the President of the United States
of America
A Proclamation

April 29, 1961
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WHEREAS an adequate highway network is indispensable to traffic safety, to the growth of our economy and to the National defense; and

WHEREAS some 40,000 of our citizens are killed and 1,400,000 are injured every year in highway accidents; and

WHEREAS the orderly advancement of our expanded Federal-State highway program promises a sharp reduction in our annual waste of human and economic resources due to outmoded highways; and

WHEREAS the public should be reminded of the importance of completing the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways on schedule in 1972:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 1961, as National Highway Week in recognition of the vital role of highway transportation in our way of life.

I also urge the Governors of the States to issue similar proclamations and ask the appropriate officials of the Federal and State Governments, public and private organizations, and the general public to join in observance of this significant occasion.

During this period I encourage all Americans to judge the value of highway transportation to their own activities and to our National welfare.

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JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

MOTHER'S DAY, 1961

May 8, 1961
[No. 3412]

**By the President of the United States
of America
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS the strength of our Nation depends upon the strength of the American home, where the spiritual, physical, and intellectual development of our children is begun and fostered; and

WHEREAS the American mother, as the heart of the American home, by her labor and love instills in our homes and nurtures in our children the spirit of our country; and

WHEREAS it is a cherished American custom to devote one day each year to