

farm organizations and other groups in preparing and carrying out programs for the appropriate observance of National Farm-City Week, including public meetings, discussions, exhibits, pageants, and press, radio, and television features, with special emphasis on the interdependence of the family farm and the city.

I also request labor, business, industry, and all consumers to join in this observance, along with farm groups, as evidence of America's appreciation of all those on the farms and in the cities who provide us with the food and fiber for better living.

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 seventeenth day of July 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-sixth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, 1961

By the President of the United States of America A Proclamation

WHEREAS an unconscionable number of lives and approximately a billion dollars worth of property are lost each year because of fires which could have been prevented or controlled; and

WHEREAS our communities and the Nation can ill afford this inexcusable waste of our resources:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning October 8, 1961, as Fire Prevention Week.

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I urge State and local governments, the American Red Cross, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and business, labor and farm organizations, as well as schools, civic groups, and public-information agencies, to observe Fire Prevention Week by bringing fire safety facts effectively to the attention of the public. I call upon all citizens to understand and personally support the fire prevention and control efforts of their respective community fire departments. I also direct the appropriate Federal agencies to assist in this effort to reduce the shameful waste caused by preventable fires.

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 twentieth day of July 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-sixth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK, 1961

By the President of the United States
of America

July 25, 1961
[No. 3422]

A Proclamation

WHEREAS wide knowledge and the free interchange of thought are essential to the growth and vitality of our Nation; and

WHEREAS our political and social institutions depend for their perpetuation and strength upon an informed, responsible, and confident people; and

WHEREAS we are at a time of growth in our country which gives us not only greater means for the satisfaction of our material needs but also more oppor-