

WRIGHT BROTHERS DAY, 1961

September 22, 1961
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**By the President of the United States
of America
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS December 17, 1903, marked the beginning of a revolution in the transportation and defense methods employed by all the nations of the world, when the Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, by their enterprise and genius made the first successful flights in a heavier-than-air, mechanically propelled airplane, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS this historic event has placed the United States in the front ranks of world aviation; and

WHEREAS it is most appropriate that the Wright brothers, whose enterprise and genius have made the continents of this planet only hours apart and have changed the pattern of our lives, should be memorialized on the anniversary day of their success; and

WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved September 22, 1961, has designated the seventeenth day of December 1961 as Wright Brothers Day, and has requested the President to issue a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on Wright Brothers Day, December 17, 1961; and I invite the people of the United States to observe that day with ceremonies and activities designed to commemorate the achievements of the Wright brothers and to further and stimulate interest in aviation in this country.

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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-second day of September in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-sixth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

CHESTER BOWLES,
Acting Secretary of State.

AMERICAN PATENT SYSTEM WEEK
By the President of the United States
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WHEREAS the year 1961 marks the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the enactment of the Patent Act of 1836 which created the present examination system for the grant of patents; and

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WHEREAS in the year 1961 there will be granted the three millionth patent since enactment of the Patent Act; and

WHEREAS the grant of a patent is a traditional incentive for the promotion of the useful arts and thereby contributes notably to the well-being of people everywhere; and

WHEREAS encouragement of invention is essential to the continued economic and technological development of this Nation; and

WHEREAS it is fitting that the anniversary of the Patent Act and the establishment of the United States Patent Office should be observed; and

WHEREAS a joint resolution of the Congress approved September 22, 1961, authorizes the Secretary of Commerce, the Commissioner of Patents, and such

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