

Proclamation 3550**GENERAL PULASKI'S MEMORIAL DAY, 1963**August 27, 1963**By the President of the United States of America****A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, as we work toward political, social, and economic freedom for all nations everywhere, we remember the time when we ourselves were not free; and

WHEREAS we recall with gratitude the gallant efforts of men of other nations who helped us to win our own independence; and

WHEREAS a leader among those men was Casimir Pulaski, who opposed foreign interference in his native Poland, who joined the cause of American independence by volunteering in the Continental Army, and who served that cause brilliantly until his death on October 11, 1779, from a wound incurred during a cavalry charge in the city of Savannah; and

WHEREAS, in remembering General Pulaski's contribution to our past, we are reminded of our debt to the future to further the cause of universal freedom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Friday, October 11, 1963—the one hundred and eighty-fourth anniversary of his death—as General Pulaski's Memorial Day; and call upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day. I also invite the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies in recognition of General Pulaski's dedication to liberty.

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 August in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-three and of [SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-eighth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3551**NATIONAL EMPLOY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WEEK, 1963**August 27, 1963**By the President of the United States of America****A Proclamation**

WHEREAS the force behind our Nation's vitality and strength is imbedded in an environment which permits the full exercise of every citizen's right to lead a useful and satisfying life; and

WHEREAS the right to an opportunity to work is a birthright of all persons, irrespective of physical condition; and

WHEREAS a large segment of our population, despite physical and mental handicaps, is desirous of gaining an opportunity to employ their skills and talents, consistent with their capacities, by participating in our Nation's progress through meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS every means should be utilized to foster and encourage the voluntary acceptance of handicapped workers so that they may share fully in the benefits of our economic growth while contributing to the enrichment of our Nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved August 11, 1945 (59 Stat. 530), has designated the first week in October of each year as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week and has requested the President to issue a suitable proclamation each year:

36 USC 155.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do call upon the people of our Nation to observe the week beginning October 6, 1963, as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, and to cooperate with the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in furthering equal employment opportunity for the handicapped.

I also call upon Federal, State, and local public officials, leaders of industry and labor, and other interested individuals and organizations to cooperate in its observance by renewing their efforts toward creating community awareness of the abilities of handicapped persons. I urge all volunteers to rededicate themselves during that week to continuing their year-round interest and activities on behalf of the handicapped.

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-seventh day of August in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-eighth.

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JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3552

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK, 1963

By the President of the United States of America

 August 27, 1963

A Proclamation

WHEREAS the national school lunch program helps make possible for our young people to enjoy a lunch rich in the essential elements of a good diet, and helps them to learn the benefits to be derived from good nutrition; and

WHEREAS the serving of a nutritious lunch to 16 million children daily, in 68,000 schools, entails the consumption of foods from the entire range and variety of items that are so abundantly and efficiently produced by our farmers, and the employment of the unexcelled skills and techniques of our highly developed food-marketing system; and

WHEREAS the national school lunch program represents one of the Nation's best examples of a cooperative local-State-Federal partnership for the benefit of a most important segment of our population; and

WHEREAS, in order to gain recognition from citizens and civic groups for the work of the national school lunch program, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved October 9, 1962 (76 Stat. 779), has designated the seven-day period beginning on the second Sunday

36 USC 168.