Proclamation 3521

CENTENNIAL OF THE COMMERCIAL BANKING SYSTEM

By the President of the United States of America

February 25, 1963

WHEREAS the year 1963 marks the centennial of the approval by President Abraham Lincoln of the Act of February 25, 1863, which provided for the establishment of a system of national banks chartered and supervised by the Comptroller of the Currency, under the general direction of the Secretary of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS the national banks and the State-chartered banks comprise a dual banking system which has beneficially served the public interest, provided credit and other financial assistance necessary for the economic growth of the United States, and played a leading role in keeping our economy competitive and vital; and

WHEREAS commercial banking, both Federal and State, has made great contributions to the Nation in times of crisis and continues to serve the Nation daily; and

WHEREAS the national banks and the State-chartered banks anticipate continued opportunities to contribute to the future growth and development of the economy of our country consistent with the changing needs of the public, industry, agriculture, and commerce:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the year 1963 as the Centennial of the Commercial Banking System; and I request the people of the United States to join with Federal and State authorities and representatives of the banking industry in activities and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to the contribution which commercial banking has made to the economic, social, and cultural lives of the people of this Nation.

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-fifth day of February 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-seventh.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3522

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK, 1963

By the President of the United States of America

February 26, 1963

WHEREAS recreational boating is playing an increasingly important part in the lives of millions of Americans who look to it as a means of maintaining physical vigor and mental alertness; and

WHEREAS the resulting increased use of our waterways has caused a corresponding increase in safety problems; and
WHEREAS this healthful outdoor activity can be enhanced and loss of life and property reduced by adherence to safe boating principles; and

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, in recognition of the importance of such safe boating practices, by a joint resolution, approved June 4, 1958 (72 Stat. 179), has requested the President to proclaim annually the week that includes the Fourth of July as National Safe Boating Week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, do hereby designate the week beginning June 30, 1963, as National Safe Boating Week.

In pursuance of the objectives of this Proclamation, I urge all persons, organizations, and Governmental agencies interested in recreational boating and safety afloat to publicize and observe National Safe Boating Week.

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 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 26th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and eighty-seventh.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3523
THE WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING
By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Of the more than 400,000 Jews whom the Nazis had previously walled into the Warsaw Ghetto, only about 70,000 remained in April of 1943. With deadly efficiency, most of the other inhabitants had been transported by the Nazis to concentration camps and had there been exterminated. The surviving Jews, suffering from malnutrition and disease, with pitifully few weapons and virtually no hope of assistance from any source, determined to sell their lives as dearly as possible. They engaged the Nazis in battle.

The result was known by the Jews to be foredoomed. Yet, though they lacked both military resources and a military tradition, they were able to conduct their struggle against the overwhelming forces of the Nazi occupiers for more than three weeks, thereby providing a chapter in the annals of human heroism, an inspiration to the peace-loving people of the world and a warning to would-be oppressors which will long be remembered.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, in consonance with the joint resolution of Congress approved August 28, 1962 (76 Stat. 407), do hereby invite the people of the United States to observe the twentieth anniversary