

WHEREAS, in recognition and appreciation of the Society's efforts to maintain barbershop quartet singing as a traditional form of native American music and, through their stimulus to good music and vocal harmony, to keep America singing, the Congress by a joint resolution approved April 9, 1963, has designated the six-day period beginning April 15, 1963, and ending April 20, 1963, as National Harmony Week, and has requested the President to issue a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to join in the observance of that week:

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby invite the people of the United States to observe the period of April 15, 1963, through April 20, 1963, as National Harmony Week, with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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 ninth day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-three, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-seventh.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

GEORGE W. BALL,  
*Acting Secretary of State.*

**Proclamation 3527****SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH****By the President of the United States of America**

April 18, 1963

**A Proclamation**

WHEREAS there are now more than seventeen million persons aged sixty-five and over in our population, and this number is expected to increase to twenty-four million by 1980; and

WHEREAS this large segment of our population represents a great national resource of skills, wisdom, and experience upon which much of our Nation's progress has been built and which continues to enrich our daily lives and to provide counsel and leadership; and

WHEREAS all persons reaching their later years should have opportunity to share fully in the benefits of our advances in economic wealth, science, technology, and culture; and

WHEREAS all informational and educational means should be used to foster an environment in which our senior citizens can gain this opportunity and can lead useful and satisfying lives, consistent with their capacities; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government should provide leadership, encouragement, and assistance to the States, communities, and voluntary organizations in utilizing the potentials of our elder citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the month of May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month; and I urge all persons and public and private organizations to cooperate in its observance by increasing com-

munity awareness of the problems faced by older men and women, strengthening services and opportunities to meet their special needs, giving recognition to their past and present contributions, and making this special month the beginning of continuing interest and activity on their behalf.

I also invite the Governors of the States, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and appropriate officials in other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to join in the observance of Senior Citizens Month.

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 18th day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-three, and of the [SEAL] 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 3528

LOYALTY DAY, 1963

By the President of the United States of America

#### A Proclamation

Dedication, devotion, and loyalty to our country and to the free democratic precepts upon which it was founded has always been a cherished tradition with our people—from our Founding Fathers to our servicemen now serving in the far-flung corners of the world. Understandably, our people avoid ostentatious displays of patriotic fervor. Nevertheless, in these trying times, when international forces are attempting to undermine and destroy our form of free government and our way of life, it is entirely fitting and proper and in the national interest to set aside a special day each year on which to express our unceasing devotion and loyalty to this Nation. To this end, the Congress, by a joint resolution of July 18, 1958 (72 Stat. 369), has designated May 1 of each year as Loyalty Day and has requested the President to issue a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America do hereby call upon the people of the United States, and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe Wednesday, May 1, 1963, as Loyalty Day, in schools and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our people may join in a reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States of America.

I also call upon appropriate officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day as a manifestation of our loyalty to the Nation which that flag symbolizes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

April 18, 1963

36 USC 162.