

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 twenty-sixth day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-four, [SEAL] and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-eighth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3579

DEATH OF GENERAL MacARTHUR

By the President of the United States of America

April 5, 1964

A Proclamation

To the People of the United States:

With deep regret, I announce the death of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, who died today at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

As one of the most distinguished soldiers in the history of the United States, General MacArthur dedicated his entire life to selfless service in the defense of freedom. He was a living embodiment of the code which he so eloquently expressed—duty—honor—country.

Outstanding performance of duty and conspicuous leadership marked his career, which included service as Chief of Staff and Commander of the Rainbow Division in World War I, as Chief of Staff of the United States Army from 1930 through 1935, as commander of the forces which liberated the Philippines in World War II, as Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan, and as Commander of the United Nations forces in Korea. We will forever be indebted to him for his integrity, his courage, and his brilliant accomplishments as a soldier and citizen; we will never forget that his ultimate goal was peace among men.

As a mark of respect for the memory of General MacArthur, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its territories and possessions, upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels, until after his funeral shall have taken place. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

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

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3580

CITIZENSHIP DAY AND CONSTITUTION WEEK, 1964

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS September 17, 1964, marks the one hundred and seventy-seventh anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787; and

WHEREAS the year 1964 marks the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of our constitutional form of government—for in 1789, our first Congress convened, our first President was inaugurated, and our Federal judicial system was established; and

WHEREAS our constitutional form of government has withstood the test of time and the ravages of war, internal strife, natural catastrophes, economic disasters, and international conspiracies and still stands constantly young and vigorous and ever resolute in its quest for peace, liberty, justice, and economic opportunity for all mankind; and

WHEREAS the manner in which the entire Nation reacted to the crisis occasioned by the assassination of President Kennedy and gave me, as its new President under the terms of our Constitution, its undivided loyalty and support in those dark days attests to the strength and stability of our Government; and

WHEREAS in this world of many challenges—some of which endanger the rights of free men—it is imperative that all our citizens, whether native born or naturalized, be aware of the acts and events that led to the adoption of the Constitution and of the adversities that have subsequently proved its durability in order that they may have a better understanding and appreciation of the basic principles upon which this Nation was founded and by which it lives; and

WHEREAS, this year, it is more appropriate than ever that our citizens proclaim to the world our renewed determination to preserve, regardless of cost, the constitutional system of government which has sustained our Nation and its people through a century and three-quarters of turbulent history and which stands today as a beacon of hope to freedom-loving people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, by a joint resolution approved February 29, 1952 (66 Stat. 9), the Congress designated the seventeenth day of September of each year as Citizenship Day in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787, and in recognition of those citizens who have come of age and those who have been naturalized during the year; and

April 14, 1964