

I also invite the Governors of the States to provide for the observance of National Defense Transportation Day and National Transportation Week in such manner as will afford an opportunity for the citizens of each community to recognize and appreciate fully the vital role of a great modern transportation complex in their daily lives and in our national defense.

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 seventeenth day of April 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:

GEORGE W. BALL,
Acting Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3583

MOTHER'S DAY, 1964

By the President of the United States of America

April 23, 1964

A Proclamation

WHEREAS American mothers bear a major responsibility in the tasks of maintaining healthy home environments, of training their young ones with firmness and wisdom, and of guiding their children to mature citizenship; and

WHEREAS the mothers of our Nation have, in succeeding generations, given their children their utmost devotion, and by their love, precept, and example have sought to endow them with the ideals, qualities, and strength of a great people; and

WHEREAS it is appropriate that we should join on one day of each year in acknowledging and expressing the gratitude we share for our own mothers and for the blessings of motherhood; and

WHEREAS by a joint resolution approved May 8, 1914 (38 Stat. 770), the Congress designated the second Sunday in May of each year as Mother's Day and requested the President to issue a proclamation calling for its observance in accordance with the provisions of that resolution:

36 USC 142.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby request that Sunday, May 10, 1964, be observed as Mother's Day; and I direct the appropriate officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day.

I also call upon the people of this Nation to render public and private expression of their love and reverence for their mothers on that day through the display of the flag at their homes or other suitable places, through prayers, and through other manifestations of their esteem and devotion.

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-third day of April 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 3584

NATIONAL MARITIME DAY, 1964

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS our country, in facing the challenges and opportunities of rapidly changing and expanding world trade, looks upon the sea lanes as highways of international good will and opportunity; and

WHEREAS the Nation looks to the maritime industry, working in cooperation with the Maritime Administration of the Department of Commerce and other Government agencies, to provide maritime programs and guidance that will best serve all Americans; and

WHEREAS the American merchant fleet is an essential element of our economy which provides employment for seamen, shipbuilders, shoreside workers, and those in supporting industries, and which, by transporting our products to world markets abroad, significantly advances our efforts to achieve an equitable international balance of trade and payments; and

WHEREAS the ships and men of the United States Merchant Marine stand ready to carry our flag abroad in peaceful competition today, or to deploy our seapower to the shores of any adversary in time of conflict; and

WHEREAS a strong merchant marine is essential to the economy and security of the free world, and merits the respect and support of our business community and the citizens of our Nation; and

WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved May 20, 1933 (48 Stat. 73), designated May 22 as National Maritime Day, in commemoration of the departure from Savannah, Georgia, on May 22, 1819, of the S.S. *Savannah* on the first transoceanic voyage by any steamship, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually calling for the observance of that day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the citizens of the United States to honor our American Merchant Marine on Friday, May 22, 1964, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places.

I direct the appropriate officials of the Government to arrange for the display of the flag on all Government buildings on National Maritime Day, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day in tribute to the American Merchant Marine.

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

April 23, 1964

36 USC 145.