

Proclamation 3614

COLLEGE STUDENTS REGISTRATION WEEK, 1964

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

September 5, 1964

WHEREAS American college students of voting age who attend schools outside their state of legal residence often find themselves unable to vote because they have failed to register; and

WHEREAS only twenty-one states permit absentee registration compared to forty-seven states which permit absentee voting; and

WHEREAS a recent poll conducted for the American Heritage Foundation indicated only thirty-eight per cent of men and women age twenty-one through twenty-nine were likely to vote in the forthcoming election; and

WHEREAS only fifty-two per cent of these young people cast a ballot in recent presidential elections compared to eighty-two per cent of men and women in their sixties; and

WHEREAS forty-four of forty-eight states with registration rules have closing dates for registering after most students have returned to college and university campuses:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning September 6, 1964, as College Students Registration Week, 1964; and I urge that a special effort be made during this week to ensure maximum registration of qualified students.

I also invite and urge all local election officials throughout the United States to join with private citizens and citizen organizations, as well as newspapers, radio and television stations, to publicize registration arrangements during that week to bring the greatest possible number of our college students to the polls on November 3.

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 September in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-four and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-ninth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3615

VON STEUBEN DAY

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

September 15, 1964

WHEREAS many people of German descent and many German American organizations throughout the United States will celebrate the birth date of General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben; and

WHEREAS, the American people of all national origins should commemorate the significant contributions which this great German patriot made to the gaining of our American independence and the establishment of our sovereignty; and

WHEREAS the name von Steuben serves as a reminder of the tremendous influence and important bearing the lives of the many other great German-born American patriots have had upon the development and expansion of our nation; and

WHEREAS our nation is deeply indebted to the 8 million Germans who migrated to this country and to their estimated 26 million lineal descendants living today in virtually every community of our country:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America do hereby designate September 17, 1964 as von Steuben Day. I invite all the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. I suggest that programs commemorating the birth of von Steuben serve also as reminders of the contribution of the dedicated American citizens of German derivation.

I ask those great patriotic organizations bearing von Steuben's name or the name of other patriots of his nationality to stress in their celebrations the debt of gratitude which all Americans owe our Founding Fathers for the democratic principles and ideals of freedom which motivated their great decisions and which we today are dedicated to protect, to follow and to preserve for posterity.

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 fifteenth day of September 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-ninth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3616

NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK, 1964

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS this Nation has, from the days of its inception, been blessed with forest resources that have made it a beautiful and a bountiful country; and

WHEREAS those forest resources sustained our forebears and immeasurably contributed to this Nation's growth, wealth, and prosperity by providing a wide variety of products essential to life, commerce, and progress; and

WHEREAS the forest products industry is one of the largest industries in this Nation; employing 1.7 million workers who turn out 27 billion dollars worth of products each year and who receive 5.7 billion dollars in wages and salaries annually; and

WHEREAS our forest resources are so closely related to the welfare of all Americans that it is fitting that we set aside a special day to direct public attention to those resources and to the people associated with the industry; and

September 18, 1964