

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

36 USC 163.

WHEREAS the Congress, wishing to reemphasize the importance and the potential of our forest heritage, has by a joint resolution approved September 13, 1960 (74 Stat. 898), designated the seven-day period beginning on the third Sunday of October in each year as National Forest Products Week, and has requested the President to issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of that week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the people of the United States to observe the week beginning October 18, 1964, as National Forest Products Week, with activities and ceremonies designed to direct public attention to the prominent role of our forest resources and our forest resources industry in contributing to the economic growth of our Nation, and to the significance of those resources as a base for the continued progress of rural America.

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 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 3617

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, 1964

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

September 22, 1964

66 Stat. 64.
36 USC 185.

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, by a joint resolution approved April 17, 1952, provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals":

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do set aside and proclaim Wednesday, the twenty-first of October, as the National Day of Prayer in the year 1964.

Under our laws,

- every man has the right to pray;
- no man can be told how he must pray;
- each man prays as his own conscience dictates.

I call upon all of our citizens, therefore, to observe the National Day of Prayer in accordance with our custom—each in his own way and in his own faith.

I urge that each of us turn to God on that day

—acknowledging that our country continues, as it was founded, "with a firm reliance upon the protection of divine Providence";