Whereas the United Nations General Assembly has designated the year 1965 as International Cooperation Year; and

Whereas the year 1965 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations; and

Whereas international cooperation is essential to the achievement of a peaceful world order; and

Whereas international organizations are vital in the modern world and provide the necessary foundation for a peaceful world community; and

Whereas the world has moved rapidly toward international cooperation and organization in recent years—especially within the family of the United Nations agencies; and

Whereas the movement for international cooperation has had, and will continue to have, the enthusiastic support of the Government of the United States of America; and

Whereas it is highly desirable to assess this development and examine promptly what further steps can be taken in the immediate future toward enhancing international cooperation and strengthening world organization:

Now, therefore, I, Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States of America, do hereby

—proclaim the year 1965 to be International Cooperation Year in the United States of America;

—rededicate the Government of the United States to the principle of international cooperation; and

—direct the agencies of the Executive Branch to examine thoroughly what additional steps can be taken in this direction in the immediate future.

I also call upon our national citizen organizations to undertake intensive educational programs to inform their memberships of recent
progress in international cooperation and urge them to consider what further steps can be taken.

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 second day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-four, 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 3621
COLUMBUS DAY, 1964

WHEREAS four hundred and seventy-two years ago Christopher Columbus embarked on a daring voyage into an unknown sea and discovered a new world; and

WHEREAS, in the ensuing centuries, the continents of the world have been brought closer together in time and space by means of modern communications and transportation; and

WHEREAS closer relationships between the peoples of the world have increased our awareness of the need for a just and lasting peace; and

WHEREAS the vision, courage, and dedication of Columbus are a constant inspiration to us, both as individuals and as a Nation, as we seek a new world of peace and understanding; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of our debt to Columbus, the Congress of the United States, by a joint resolution approved April 30, 1934 (48 Stat. 657), requested the President to proclaim October 12 of each year as Columbus Day for the observance of the anniversary of the discovery of America:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Monday, October 12, 1964, as Columbus Day; and I invite the people of this Nation to observe that day in churches, schools, and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies in honor of the memory of Christopher Columbus.

I also direct that the flag of the United States be displayed on all public buildings on Columbus Day in honor of the great explorer.

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 third day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-four, 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.