

Proclamation 3857**CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK, 1968****By the President of the United States of America**July 10, 1968**A Proclamation**

WHEREAS the joint resolution approved July 17, 1959 (73 Stat. 212) authorizes and requests the President of the United States of America to issue a proclamation each year designating the third week in July as "Captive Nations Week" until such time as freedom and independence shall have been achieved for all the captive nations of the world; and

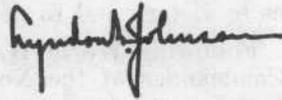
WHEREAS human freedom, national independence, and justice are fundamental rights of all peoples; and

WHEREAS the enjoyment of these rights, to which all peoples justly aspire, remains severely limited or denied in many areas of the world; and

WHEREAS the United States of America, in keeping with the principles on which it was founded, has sought consistently to promote the observance of fundamental human rights throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning July 14, 1968 as Captive Nations Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of July in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-third.

**Proclamation 3858****FAMILY REUNION DAY****By the President of the United States of America**July 18, 1968**A Proclamation**

Since the founding of the Republic, the American family has been a source of individual strength and national stability.

These are times, however, that test the unity of family life. Progress—social, economic, and technological—has brought with it new mobility that tends to separate the members of affluent families.

For millions of other Americans, poverty, discrimination and the spiritual deprivation of slum life have strained the cohesion of family units past the breaking point. Many young people are growing up without the shaping example of a firm, responsible, and caring male in the household. There are strengths within almost all families, whether or not headed by a father; but history and instinct tell us that a society that does not encourage responsible fatherhood will pay for its failure in later generations. For that reason, action to extend job opportunities, to improve education and housing, and to end discrimination in all its forms is vital to stronger family life—and ultimately to a more just and peaceful nation.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 165, do hereby designate Sunday, August 11, 1968, as Family Reunion Day, and I urge all the people of the United States to support those actions that will strengthen the American family, and to celebrate this day with such ceremonies as will reemphasize our continuing belief that family life is the highest and most enduring product of our civilization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-third.

Proclamation 3859

SALUTE TO EISENHOWER WEEK

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

July 18, 1968

Few men in history have contributed as much to their country and to the world as has General Dwight David Eisenhower.

As Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in World War II, his leadership, resolution, and personal courage guided us to victory and to peace.

Following World War II, he served as the first Supreme Allied Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces in Europe, and demonstrated an unrivaled capacity to create a united military organization.

During eight years as President of the United States, he enhanced his reputation as a leader of nations; a program of lasting international cooperation was inaugurated in his administration.

General Eisenhower is recognized as one of the most popular and respected living Americans—admired and loved by his fellowmen not only as an outstanding military leader and statesman, but also as one whose character and high principles serve as a standard for all citizens.

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It is fitting that on the occasion of General Eisenhower's 78th birthday on October 14, 1968, we pay tribute to this great American. To this end, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved July 18, 1968, has requested the President to designate the week of October 13, 1968, as Salute to Eisenhower Week. It is my pleasure to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week of October 13, 1968, as Salute to Eisenhower Week, and I call upon the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.