

ancient virtues, intangible but unconquerable, could offer comfort and solace even during the darkest hours.

And so it should be with us who today mourn his death. The memory of his greatness is now one of those "real treasures free men possess"; it belongs now to all Americans, and in its simplicity, its devotion, its courage, and its compassion, his life will shape the future as it shaped our time.

As long as free men cherish their freedom, Dwight Eisenhower will stand with them, as he stood during war and peace; strong, confident, and courageous. Even in death he has left us a great spirit that will never die.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD M. NIXON, President of the United States of America, in honor and tribute to the memory of this great and good man, and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff at the White House and on all buildings, grounds, and Naval vessels of the United States for a period of thirty days from the day of death. I also direct that for the same length of time the representatives of the United States in foreign countries shall make similar arrangements for the display of the flag at half-staff over their Embassies, Legations, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and stations.

I hereby order that suitable honors be rendered by units of the Armed Forces under orders of the Secretary of Defense on the day of the funeral.

I also do appoint Monday, March 31, 1969 to be a National Day of Mourning throughout the United States. I earnestly recommend that the people assemble on that day in their respective places of divine worship, there to bow down in submission to the will of the Almighty God, and to pay their homage of love and reverence to the memory of President Eisenhower. I invite the people of the world who share our grief to join us in this day of mourning and rededication.

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



**Proclamation 3908**

**PAN AMERICAN DAY AND PAN AMERICAN WEEK, 1969**

**By the President of the United States of America**

**A Proclamation**

The Inter-American System is the oldest, most successful regional association in the world. On April 14, 1969, we celebrate the 79th Anniversary of its formation.

The Americas are bound together by history, geography and, most important of all, common concerns and shared hopes.

On this occasion, the United States reaffirms its dedication to:

—Close consultation with its Hemisphere partners in all matters of common concern.

- Furtherance of social and cultural ties that enhance human dignity and mutual respect.
- Cooperation with each of our partners in economic development that will benefit the entire Hemisphere.

Within this unity of purpose there is room for a diversity of viewpoint and approach. The United States seeks to cooperate, not to dominate; to participate fairly as a partner in the responsibilities that each nation shares within the System.

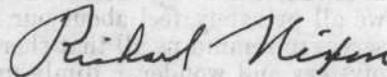
Much has been accomplished by the nations of our continents; the Organization of American States, focus of the Inter-American System, is stronger than ever, with a revised Charter soon coming into effect.

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We shall treat with high priority the tasks that lie ahead—to extend to all Americans the opportunity for lives of dignity in a climate of freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 14, 1969, as Pan American Day, and the week beginning April 13 and ending April 19 as Pan American Week; and I call upon the Governors of the fifty States of the Union, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the officials of all other areas under the flag of the United States to issue similar proclamations.

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



### Proclamation 3909

#### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES

By the President of the United States of America

April 17, 1969

#### A Proclamation

A half century ago—more than a year before the 19th Amendment was ratified—women from states where they already had the vote met to establish a League of Women Voters. Their purpose was to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

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For fifty years the League of Women Voters has provided Americans in every state with information on candidates and issues and it has furnished a non-partisan platform from which all candidates may be seen and heard. These activities have strengthened government and have helped to sustain the public weal.

Whether it be concern for our urban malaise or desire for better international cooperation, whether it be conservation of our natural resources or the revitalization of our State and local governments, the League of Women Voters deserves the cooperation and encouragement of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, call upon all our citizens to join with the League of Women Voters of the United States in the observance of its fiftieth anniversary in 1970.