

- 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.

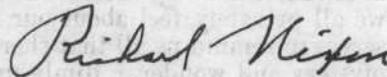
Much has been accomplished by the nations of our continents; the Organization of American States, focus of the Inter-American System, is stronger than ever, with a revised Charter soon coming into effect.

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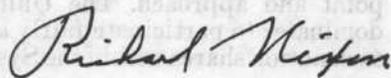
For fifty years the League of Women Voters has provided Americans in every state with information on candidates and issues and it has furnished a non-partisan platform from which all candidates may be seen and heard. These activities have strengthened government and have helped to sustain the public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

I urge all businesses, industries, foundations, and civic organizations to give the full measure of their support to the League and its activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th 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 3910

MOTHER'S DAY, 1969

By the President of the United States of America

#### A Proclamation

Fifty-five years ago President Woodrow Wilson called upon the American people to display the flag as "a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of the country." The United States of America and the world have changed greatly since then, but the desire and need for a public display of love and affection for our mothers has remained.

How has such a day of commemoration survived the changes of taste, of value, of belief that have marked these years? I am convinced that the answer lies in the fact that the essential things never change at all. Mother's Day is set aside not only to publicly demonstrate what we all privately feel about our mothers, but for another purpose: it serves to remind us all that there is, at the heart of things, a sense of mystery and wonder, a dimly-understood but strongly felt feeling of continuity and interdependence which binds all men together and which is most clearly seen in the miracle of motherhood.

Nowhere in the complexity of the modern world are we more forcefully reminded of the power of love against hate, of creation over destruction, of life against death than in the gentle strength, the deep compassion of a mother.

On Mother's Day we demonstrate to our mothers not only love for who they are but reverence for what they represent: the sacredness of human life and the majesty of the ancient principles which enhance it and guide it toward public and private virtue.

A joint resolution of the Congress, approved on May 8, 1914, sets aside the second Sunday of May as the special day to pay tribute to our mothers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby request that Sunday, May 11, 1969, be observed as Mother's Day; and I direct the appropriate officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day.

I call upon the people of the United States to honor the mothers of our country by displaying the flag at their homes or other suitable places and by expressions of love and respect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine,

April 25, 1969

38 Stat. 770.  
36 USC 142.