

I call upon officials of the Federal government, particularly in the Departments of Justice and Health, Education and Welfare, to join with educators and administrators of the academic community at large in establishing meaningful programs for the promotion of drug abuse prevention among young people. I urge State and local governments, as well as business, professional, and civil groups, to cooperate in such programs and to exercise their initiative in exploring new methods by which the potential dangers of drug experimentation can be communicated to the entire nation. The communications media can provide invaluable assistance in this regard, and I request their full support of this endeavor.

I encourage members of the clergy, and all those whose activities interrelate with young people, to make a special effort during this week to discourage drug abuse, to end drug experimentation, and to eliminate illegal drug traffic.

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



### Proclamation 3982

#### DAY OF PRAYER

By the President of the United States of America

#### A Proclamation

April 30, 1970

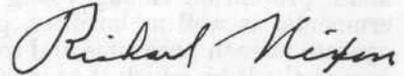
One of the cruelest tactics of the war in Vietnam is the Communists' refusal to identify all prisoners of war, to provide information about them and to permit their families to communicate with them regularly. This callous policy is in violation of the Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, to which North Vietnam acceded in 1957. And it is in contempt of established customs among civilized nations and of ordinary human decency.

The government of the United States of America is making and will continue to make every effort to alleviate the anxiety of the families of these prisoners by working to change this situation. The Congress by a House Concurrent Resolution of April 28, 1970, has resolved that Friday, May 1, 1970, be commemorated as a day for an appeal for international justice for all the American prisoners of war and servicemen missing in action in Southeast Asia and has requested the President to designate Sunday, May 3, 1970, as a National Day of Prayer for humane treatment and the safe return of these brave Americans.

*Ante*, p. 2183.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Sunday, May 3, 1970, as a National Day of Prayer for all American Prisoners of War and Servicemen Missing in Action in Southeast Asia. I call upon all of the people of the United States to offer prayers on behalf of these men, to instill courage and perseverance in their hearts and the hearts of their loved ones and compassion in the hearts of their captors.

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



**Proclamation 3983**

**WORLD TRADE WEEK, 1970**

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

**A Proclamation**

May 4, 1970

World trade is a major stimulus to international understanding and to economic growth—in our nation and in other nations of the world. Both the peace and the prosperity of our planet will be considerably enhanced in the 1970s by a continuing expansion of international trade.

The United States can contribute to that expansion in several ways. We must be sure that our industries and businesses are ready and able to compete in international markets. We must continue to develop trade policies which encourage freer exchange—policies such as I outlined in a message to the Congress last fall. And we must also be sure that our entire economy is as strong and as sound as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 17, 1970, as World Trade Week, and I request that appropriate Federal, State and local officials cooperate in observing that week.

I urge that the people of the United States participate during World Trade Week in activities which will promote continuing awareness of the importance of world trade to our own economy and to our relations with other nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and ninety-fourth.



**Proclamation 3984**

**MOTHER'S DAY, 1970**

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

**A Proclamation**

May 5, 1970

In special recognition of the high esteem in which this nation holds mothers, we have customarily set aside a day to honor them.

The Congress by joint resolution approved May 8, 1914, declared that the second Sunday in May would be designated as Mother's Day, and requested the President to call for its observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby request that Sunday, May 10, 1970, be observed as Mother's Day. I direct government officials to