

WHEREAS, I have today issued Executive Order No. 11588;

3 CFR 1971
Comp., p. 147.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do by this Proclamation revoke Proclamation No. 4031 of February 23, 1971, as to all construction contracts for which solicitations for bids or proposals are issued after the date of this Proclamation, whether direct federal construction or federally assisted construction subject to the previous Proclamation No. 4031.

Ante, p. 879.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-ninth day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-one and of the independence of the United States of America the one-hundred ninety-fifth.



PROCLAMATION 4041

National Defense Transportation Day and National Transportation Week, 1971

By the President of the United States of America

March 31, 1971

A Proclamation

The past growth and prosperity of the United States relied heavily on an interconnected, diversified transportation network which linked its cities and its citizens. Our commerce prospered from the ever-increasing proximity of the markets; our citizens, from the availability and accessibility of the great productive wealth of the Nation.

We are now entering into a new era in transportation—an era in which our national mobility will demand the continued conquest of time and space, yet our national conscience will no longer permit irreparable damage to our land, our environment, or the social fabric of our communities. It is in this light that transportation faces its challenge of the future.

To meet that challenge, we will need a truly balanced transportation system—a system that provides our citizens with the ability to choose the most efficient means of transportation at the least possible cost to themselves and to the environment. I ask for the help of all citizens in achieving this goal.

In recognition of the importance of our transportation system to our economy, our national security and our daily lives, and as a tribute to

71 Stat. 30.
36 USC 160.

76 Stat. 69.
36 USC 166.

the men and women who move goods and people throughout our land, the Congress by a joint resolution approved May 16, 1957, requested the President to proclaim annually the third Friday of May each year as National Defense Transportation Day, and by a joint resolution approved May 14, 1962, requested the President to proclaim annually the week of May in which that Friday falls as National Transportation Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Friday, May 21, 1971, as National Defense Transportation Day, and the week beginning May 16, 1971, as National Transportation Week.

During National Transportation Week, I ask that the people of this Nation join with the Department of Transportation and also with State and local officials in reevaluating our goals and reaffirming our commitment to a balanced transportation system for these United States.

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



PROCLAMATION 4042

Earth Week, 1971

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Few concerns facing America and the world today are more compelling than the quality of our physical environment. All that we do, all that we hope to achieve for ourselves, all that we hope to create for our children will go for nothing if the world itself is made unfit to live in. The question of what we do with our environment is a matter of cosmic consequence; there is a limit to how long the matter rests merely with man, and if that limit is exceeded, the success of man as an earth creature may itself be limited by forces he no longer controls.

The earth and its atmosphere are a closed system. They are finite. The good water cannot purify itself indefinitely. The good air cannot cleanse itself endlessly. And the good earth cannot sustain and repair the injustices of man forever. Man must help to put his own earthly house in order.

We have made a beginning in this. But we have only begun. Now there must be a conscious, sustained effort by every American and, we

April 2, 1971