

PROCLAMATION 4049

Clean Waters for America Week, 1971

April 30, 1971

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The United States has a proud record of facing up to great challenges by taking the decisive action required to meet them. Perhaps the greatest challenge to America in the 1970s will be ending the wasteful and destructive practices which have so seriously degraded our environment.

For too many years, we Americans have taken our natural resources for granted, confident that the abundant land of our forefathers would always provide enough fresh air, good water, and open space for every need.

The truth is that no new sources of fresh water have been uncovered in America for many years. At the same time, population growth and technological advances have tremendously increased both the overall and the per capita consumption of water, while inadequate treatment of wastes has contaminated more and more of our water resources.

We must act quickly and effectively to protect our waters from further deterioration and to treat wastes so the water may be used again. Only in this way will future generations of Americans be assured of an adequate supply of clean water.

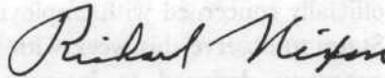
To call attention to the need for a continuous program for the control and elimination of water pollution, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved December 28, 1970, requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the first full calendar week in May of 1971 as Clean Waters for America Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning May 2, 1971, as Clean Waters for America Week.

I urge all Americans, and interested groups and organizations, to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and educational programs, and to support community, State, and Federal efforts to clean up our national waterways and to adopt new habits and practices which will contribute to the enhancement of water quality in this country.

I also invite the Governors of the States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Commissioner of the District of Columbia to provide for the observance of this week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of April, 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 4050

National Employ The Older Worker Week, 1971

By the President of the United States of America

May 5, 1971

A Proclamation

The skills, the wisdom and the strength of older Americans constitute a great resource for our country. Unfortunately, it is a resource which has not been adequately used. Too many of our older citizens are denied opportunities for employment simply because of their age. Yet each year thousands of older workers demonstrate in convincing fashion that age is not a bar to efficient and productive labor.

Often, in fact, just the opposite is the case. For the older worker brings to his job a range and depth of experience which makes his efforts especially valuable.

The more I learn about older men and women, the more convinced I become of this central fact: what those who have reached retirement age desire most of all in life is the chance to continue their service to society. They want to be useful members of the community—independent and self-reliant citizens who are regarded as full participants in our national life.

I believe very strongly that these men and women, who have already given so much to our country, deserve every chance to fulfill this desire. They will benefit enormously from such opportunities, and our society will benefit even more.

The Congress, by joint resolution approved December 28, 1970, has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the first full calendar week in May of 1971, as "National Employ the Older Worker Week."

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