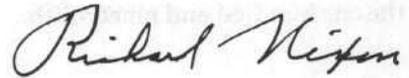


NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby request that Sunday, June 20, 1971, be observed as Father's Day. I direct Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day, and I urge all citizens to display the flag at their homes and other suitable places.

I invite the governments of the States and communities to observe Father's Day with appropriate ceremonies and I urge our people to offer public and private expressions on that day of the abiding love and gratitude which they bear for the fathers of our land.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of May, 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 4055

Flag Day and National Flag Week, 1971

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On June 14, 1777—only months after the Declaration of Independence, and with four bitter years of the Revolutionary War still ahead—the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the flag of the United States of America. Like the Declaration itself, our flag began as an audacious assertion, crying out for proof.

With the passing decades the proof has come. One new freedom after another has enriched the flag's symbolism. But our vision of ideals to be realized has expanded as well, so that even now the flag speaks more of promise than of pride and looks more to tomorrow than to yesterday. And as long as America is a young Nation, this is the way it must be. Each generation must do its own proving.

The American flag today means what today's Americans make it mean. We have in our power to make it abroad the banner of peace, honor, generosity—at home the ensign of liberty, justice, opportunity. In these goals, all Americans can unite. To this work, each of us can dedicate himself—resolving that, on whatever else we may differ, the flag and its challenge are ours in common.

May 24, 1971

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To commemorate the adoption of our flag, the Congress by a joint resolution of August 3, 1949 (63 Stat. 492), designated June 14 of each year as Flag Day and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its observance. By a joint resolution of June 9, 1966 (80 Stat. 194), the Congress also requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week and calling upon all citizens to display the flag of the United States on the days of that week.

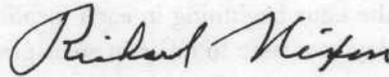
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning June 13, 1971, as National Flag Week, and I direct the appropriate Government officials to display the flag on all Government buildings during that week.

I urge all Americans to observe Flag Day with appropriate ceremonies and to fly the flag at their homes and other suitable places during Flag Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of May, 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 4056

Prayer for Peace, Memorial Day,
1971

By the President of the United States of America

May 27, 1971

A Proclamation

It is a tradition of our Nation, as it is a tradition of most nations, to pay homage to those who have fallen in defense of our land, our people, and our principles. These men and women honor America by their sacrifice. It is for America to honor them by its devotion to those purposes for which they perished.

We cannot dismiss with easy platitudes the debt which the deaths of our countrymen lays upon us. And while the declaration of noble sentiments, the placing of flowers and the shedding of tears of remembrance can pay deserved tribute to their sacrifices, these by themselves cannot redeem those sacrifices. So let us bear witness to the plain truth