

will be barred from voting in the forthcoming general elections by reason of failure to comply with election registration laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September, 1972, as National Voter Registration Month, and I urge the Governors, and election officials of the several States, together with other officials, candidates for public office, and political parties and organizations, to institute non-partisan campaigns designed to achieve the registration of as many qualified citizens as possible prior to the forthcoming elections.

I also urge all interested citizens and all civic and educational organizations to participate in voter registration campaigns and to take all appropriate steps to assure maximum registration of qualified voters.

Finally, I urge our newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals, our television and radio stations and networks, and all other news media to publicize and promote voter registration drives and the importance of voter registration.

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



PROCLAMATION 4143

Captive Nations Week, 1972

By the President of the United States of America

July 15, 1972

A Proclamation

The cause of human rights and personal dignity remains a universal aspiration. Yet, in much of the world, the struggle for freedom and independence continues. It is appropriate, therefore, that we who value our own precious heritage should manifest our sympathy and understanding for those to whom these benefits are denied. The Eighty-Sixth Congress on July 17, 1959, by a joint resolution, authorized and requested the President to proclaim the third week of July in each year as Captive Nations Week in support of this sentiment.

73 Stat. 212.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning July 16, 1972, as Captive Nations Week.

I call upon the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and I urge them to give renewed devotion to the just aspirations of all peoples for self-determination and human liberty.

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



PROCLAMATION 4144

American Education Week, 1972

July 26, 1972

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Daniel Webster said: "On the diffusion of education among the people rest the preservation and perpetuation of our free institutions."

Webster was right. Not only will the quality of our young people's future be determined by the quality of the education they receive, but a nation of free institutions depends for its greatness on the knowledge and understanding of its people. Therefore, nothing matters more to the future of America than the strength, the vitality and the success of its educational system.

Throughout the Nation, citizens are engaged in a massive effort to maintain and improve the quality of our education, and to ensure that it keeps ahead of the growing challenges it faces in an ever more complex society. Our continued success as a Nation will depend in large measure on the readiness and capacity of our schools to meet their new tasks in new ways, while holding fast to the fundamental virtues of our democracy and the integrity of the learning process.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the period of October 22 through October 28, 1972, as American Education Week.

Education is the doorway to opportunity, and the theme of American Education Week, "Make Education Top Priority," carries with it a commitment to provide equal educational opportunity for every individual in this Nation. I urge all citizens to help our schools honor this commitment.