

positions in the executive branch of our Government. Throughout the Nation, in State and local government and in the private sphere women are playing a more active role.

Although every woman may not desire a career outside the home, every woman should have the freedom to pursue whatever career she wishes. Although women today have a greater opportunity to do that, we still must do more to ensure women every opportunity to make the fullest contribution to our progress as a Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Saturday, August 26, 1972, as Women's Rights Day and call upon all our citizens and particularly those organizations concerned with the protection of human rights to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of August, 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 4148

Farmfest, U.S.A., 1972

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Farmfest, U.S.A., an exposition to be held near Vernon Center, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, from September 11 through September 17, 1972, will depict the story of agricultural progress and will feature numerous displays and demonstrations focusing on how our farmers help to feed America and the world.

As part of the weeklong festival, the United States will host the Nineteenth Annual World Ploughing Contest. Homage will be paid to the humble plough, the oldest known tillage tool and worldwide symbol of agriculture, through ploughing matches which represent an agricultural tradition of more than two centuries. They will help to dramatize the advances in farming from days of hard manual labor and animal power to our vast technological capacities.

Farmfest, U.S.A. and the 1972 World Ploughing Contest will provide an appropriate opportunity to salute worldwide agriculture and will promote foreign and domestic trade and commerce in farm commodities.

August 28, 1972

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, in consonance with Senate Joint Resolution 182, do hereby invite the States of the Union and foreign nations to participate in Farmfest, U.S.A., to be held in Blue Earth County, Minnesota, from September 11, 1972, through September 17, 1972.

Ante, p. 632.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of August, 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 4149

National Hispanic Heritage Week, 1972

By the President of the United States of America

September 7, 1972

A Proclamation

As we approach the bicentennial of the founding of the United States of America and consider the elements of our national life, the contributions of men and women of Hispanic origin stand out among those which have enriched our heritage and made our land the great country it is today.

Americans of Hispanic origin or descent have enriched the culture of both this Nation and the world—as scientists, as statesmen, as artists, as soldiers, as labor leaders, as bankers, and as humble workers. Throughout our history they have helped to build America. We take special pride in the talented men and women of Hispanic origin who today serve in our government.

To acknowledge these important contributions, the Congress by a joint resolution approved September 17, 1968, requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the week which includes September 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week. It is for me a welcome privilege to pay homage to Americans of Spanish origin, for in honoring them we honor our Nation's vigorous diversity.

82 Stat. 848.
36 USC 169f.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning September 10, 1972, and ending September 16, 1972, as National