

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

Hispanic Heritage Week. I call upon all the people of the United States, especially the educational community, to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of September, 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 4150

Fire Prevention Week, 1972

September 7, 1972

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

One American home catches fire every 56 seconds. The toll in human sorrow, in shattered dreams and plans, in pain and fear overshadow last year's three billion dollars in property loss.

Approximately 12,000 persons lost their lives last year because of fires. Destructive fire knows no prejudices. Its victims come from every neighborhood, from every income bracket, from every race and ethnic group. Yet the burden does not fall evenly because its principal victims are the poor, the very young and the very old.

We have long needed a national focus on fire prevention; and now that focus is being provided by the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control which I appointed a year ago to study and recommend ways to reduce fire disasters. I endorse the preliminary findings of this Commission which emphasize the need for improved public education, for early detection and alarm, and for better protective equipment for firefighters.

The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control has made a good beginning, but it cannot do our work for us. Only people can prevent fires. We must become constantly alert to the threat of fires to ourselves, our children, and our homes. Fire is almost always the result of human carelessness. Each one of us must become aware—not for a single time, but for all the year—of what he or she can do to prevent fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning Octo-