

I ask all citizens to renew their efforts to preserve and enhance our natural environment, especially those areas now inhabited by our natural wildlife. Because the need is still great for better tools with which to do the job, I also urge the Congress once again to act promptly on my proposal to strengthen protection for hundreds of endangered species.

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



PROCLAMATION 4201

## Loyalty Day, 1973

*By the President of the United States of America*

March 23, 1973

### A Proclamation

The meaning of America is rooted deep in the brains and bones of men and women who once cherished a dream that mankind might live in freedom somehow, somewhere on this earth. The dream became an idea, the idea an ideal, and the ideal a reality here in this land. Brighter than the sun, the meaning of America shines across the world, warming those to whom the dignity of living in liberty is still a dream.

Generations of men and women “who more than self their country loved” have given all that liberty demanded to keep the meaning of America alive, both in our land and in the hearts of others abroad. This willingness to give is the measure of our loyalty—it is reflected in how we live our liberty, and how we love our country.

On this Loyalty Day, let us reaffirm our commitment to the great work which began long ago, but which is still unfinished as our Nation is unfinished—to make whole and perfect the meaning of America: “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, in accordance with the joint resolution of the Congress of July 18, 1958, do call upon the people of the United States, and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe Tuesday, May 1, 1973 as Loyalty Day, with appropriate ceremonies in which all may join.

I call also upon appropriate officials of the Government to display the

flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day as an expression of our loyalty to the Nation symbolized by that flag.

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



PROCLAMATION 4202

Modifying Proclamation No. 3279,  
Relating To Imports of Petroleum  
And Petroleum Products

March 23, 1973

*By the President of the United States of America*

A Proclamation

The Chairman of the Oil Policy Committee, in the exercise of his responsibility to maintain a constant surveillance of imports of petroleum and its primary derivatives in respect to the national security, and after consultation with the Oil Policy Committee, has informed me that, in his opinion, the following circumstance indicates a need for further Presidential action under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862), as amended, namely:

76 Stat. 877.

Petitions now pending before the Oil Import Appeals Board for relief in the form of grants of allocations of imports of crude oil, unfinished oils, and finished products would, if acted upon favorably by the Board, exceed in the aggregate the limits of the maximum levels of imports established in section 2 of Proclamation No. 3279, as amended; and, in order that the Board shall be in position to consider such petitions on their merits, the Board should be empowered, without regard to such maximum levels, to modify, on the grounds of exceptional hardship, any allocation made to any person under regulations issued pursuant to section 3 of Proclamation No. 3279, as amended; to grant allocations of imports of crude oil and unfinished oils in special circumstances to persons with importing histories who do not qualify for allocations under such

Post, p. 1189.