

PROCLAMATION 4237

Citizenship Day and Constitution Week

August 23, 1973

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

For nearly two centuries, generations of Americans have cherished the blessing of self-government under the Constitution of the United States—that great charter which William Gladstone called “the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man.”

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Borrowing what seemed best from other representative democracies and devising other elements out of their own genius, the framers of our Constitution erected the balanced and durable system that has weathered so many national crises so well over the decades since. The wise principles they built on—including a federal union of States, a bill of individual rights, and a division of powers among three coequal and independent branches of government—remain as vital today as they were in 1787 for the vigorous pursuit of public purposes and the restraint of arbitrary rule.

Experience has also taught us that constitutional government and democratic citizenship must go hand in hand, for only an informed and active citizenry can breathe life into the institutions of government. It is fitting, then, that the Congress by joint resolutions of February 29, 1952, and August 2, 1956, has ordained that we honor the two together each September, by observing the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution as Citizenship Day and the week following that day as Constitution Week.

66 Stat. 9.
36 USC 153.
70 Stat. 932.
36 USC 159.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, call upon appropriate Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Citizenship Day, September 17, 1973. I urge Federal, State, and local officials, as well as leaders of civic, educational and religious organizations to conduct appropriate ceremonies and programs on that day.

I also designate as Constitution Week the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1973. I urge all Americans to observe the week with such commemorative and educational activities as may

foster a better understanding of, and deeper reverence for, the Constitution of the United States.

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



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PROCLAMATION 4238

Amending Part 3 of The
Appendix to The Tariff Schedules
of The United States With
Respect to The Importation of
Agricultural Commodities

By the President of the United States of America

August 28, 1973

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 624), limitations have been imposed by Presidential proclamations on the quantities of certain dairy products which may be imported into the United States in any quota year; and

64 Stat. 261;
65 Stat. 75.

WHEREAS, the import restrictions proclaimed pursuant to said section 22 are set forth in part 3 of the Appendix to the Tariff Schedules of the United States; and

77A Stat. 441.
19 USC 1202.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Agriculture has reported to me that he believes that additional quantities of dried milk provided for in item 950.02 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States (hereinafter referred to as "nonfat dry milk") may be entered for a temporary period without rendering or tending to render ineffective, or materially interfering with, the price support program now conducted by the Department of Agriculture for milk or reducing substantially the amount of products processed in the United States from domestic milk; and

77A Stat. 442.

WHEREAS, under the authority of section 22, I have requested the United States Tariff Commission to make an investigation with respect to this matter; and