

Proclamation 4467

October 7, 1976

National Volunteer Firemen Week*By the President of the United States of America***A Proclamation**

Throughout America, especially in small towns, communities, and in rural areas, approximately one million volunteer firefighters outnumber fulltime paid firefighters by about four to one.

From the beginning of our Nation's history, they have risked, and often sacrificed, their lives fighting fires in their communities with no expectation of financial reward. This unselfish concern for life and property is a manifestation of the best in the American character.

In recognition of the enormous contributions made by these volunteers, the House (September 21, 1976) and the Senate (October 1, 1976) have requested that the President proclaim the week of October 3, 1976, as National Volunteer Firemen Week (H.J. Res. 1008).

90 Stat. 2079.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning October 3, 1976, and ending October 9, 1976, as National Volunteer Firemen Week.

As requested by the Congress, I call upon the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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

GERALD R. FORD

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October 8, 1976

Native American Awareness Week, 1976*By the President of the United States of America***A Proclamation**

It is especially appropriate during our Bicentennial Year to recall the impressive role played in our society by American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts. Native Americans have made notable contributions in education, law, medicine, sports, art, the military, science and literature.

The culture and heritage of our native Americans are unique. In renewing the spirit and determined dedication of the past 200 years we should also join with our native Americans in rebuilding an awareness, understanding and appreciation for their historical role and future participation in our diverse American society. We should do so with the same spirit and dedication which, fostered with reliance on Divine Provi-