

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and second.

JIMMY CARTER

EDITORIAL NOTE: The President's statement of January 20, 1978, on signing Proclamation 4547, is printed in the Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents (vol. 14, p. 145).

Proclamation 4548

January 31, 1978

National Defense Transportation Day and National Transportation Week, 1978

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The United States is a Nation dependent on mobility. Transportation helps maintain our prosperity, ensure our national defense, and bind us together as a people. An efficient transportation network is important to maintain our quality of life and help our Nation conserve precious petroleum.

Recognizing the fundamental relationship between transportation and our Nation's welfare, the Congress has requested the President to proclaim annually the third Friday in May as National Defense Transportation Day and the week in which that day falls as National Transportation Week (71 Stat. 30, 36 U.S.C. 160; 76 Stat. 69, 36 U.S.C. 166).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Friday, May 19, 1978, as National Defense Transportation Day, and the week beginning May 14, 1978, as National Transportation Week.

I urge the Governors of our States and other appropriate officials, organizations concerned with transportation, and the people of the United States to join with the Department of Transportation in observing this day and week.

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

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4549

February 1, 1978

Save Your Vision Week, 1978

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Good vision is too important to be left to chance. Most of what we learn and do depends upon how well we can see. As one of our most valuable possessions, sight deserves our care and protection.

By learning the early warning signs of eye disease, practicing eye safety, and having regular eye examinations, we can prevent some of the most common forms

of visual impairment and blindness. Many eye disorders can be corrected or alleviated with prompt professional care. By wearing protective eyeglasses or safety goggles in potentially hazardous situations on the job or at home, we can prevent many eye injuries. Regular eye examinations may also detect early signs of other serious health problems, such as diabetes or high blood pressure, long before symptoms appear.

To increase awareness of the importance of good vision and of ways to protect it, the Congress, by joint resolution approved December 30, 1963 (77 Stat. 629, 36 U.S.C. 169a), has requested the President to proclaim the first week of March of each year as Save Your Vision Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning March 5, 1978, as Save Your Vision Week. I urge all Americans to observe this period by learning what they can do to take care of their eyes and by practicing a few simple precautions to protect their sight. I invite the vision care professionals, the communications media, educators, and all public and private organizations which support sight conservation to participate in activities which will inform all Americans about the importance of eye care and encourage them to take steps to protect their vision.

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

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4550

February 6, 1978

National Poison Prevention Week, 1978

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

When stored safely and used properly, products such as medicines, polishes, solvents, and pesticides can make our lives easier.

But many of these products contain toxic ingredients which, when used or stored carelessly, can find their way into the hands of our children. Although special packaging has reduced dramatically the number of incidents each year, household substances still poison many children. Therefore, the theme of this year's National Poison Prevention Week is: "Children Act Fast—So Do Poisons."

To remind all Americans of the dangers of poisonings and to encourage all of us to eliminate this problem, the Congress, by joint resolution of September 26, 1961 (75 Stat. 681, 36 U.S.C. 165) has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the third week in March as National Poison Prevention Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning March 19, 1978, as National Poison Prevention Week. I call upon the people of the United States and all agencies and organizations concerned with the prevention of poisoning and the welfare of our Nation's youngsters to join in promoting increased awareness of, and better protection against, the dangers of poisoning.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of