

to the extent possible while that search goes on. Since the inception of the National Cancer Program, we have learned much about the cause, detection, treatment and control of cancer. Today, cancer can often be detected earlier, making more effective treatment possible and saving many lives. Surgical, radiation and chemotherapy techniques have been improved, and research shows promise of adding immunotherapy as an additional method of treatment. Because prevention offers the best hope for ultimate control of cancer, cause and prevention research remains one of our highest priorities for we still have much to learn.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 1978, as Cancer Control Month as requested in the joint resolution of the Congress March 28, 1938 (52 Stat. 148, 36 U.S.C. 150). I invite the Governors of the States and the appropriate officials of all other areas under the United States flag to issue similar proclamations.

I also encourage the medical and health professions, the communications media and other interested persons and groups to take this opportunity to educate the people on this subject and to help them to take advantage of available resources to prevent needless suffering and death.

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

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Small Business Week, 1978

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Small business has been the economic backbone of American life since the earliest colonial days. Traders, craftsmen and merchants spurred the economy and played a vital role in the Nation's westward movement and growth. They helped create the multitude of opportunities that distinguish our free enterprise system—the system which has made American progress the envy of the world.

Of the 14 million businesses in the United States today, more than 13 million of them are small, including some three million farms. Together, they provide employment for over half the business labor force and account for more than 48 percent of the gross business product. America's prestige in the world today could never have been achieved without this outstanding productivity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning April 30, 1978, as Small Business Week, and I urgently call on every American to join me in this very special tribute.

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