

Proclamation 4569

May 10, 1978

National Historic Preservation Week, 1978*By the President of the United States of America***A Proclamation**

America's ability to meet the challenges of its third century with confidence and strength will depend upon an appreciation and understanding by the American people of their past.

Among our most important links with the past are the historic sites, structures, and landmarks of earlier times. Together, they form a vast legacy of cultural resources. This legacy, however, is not merely one of monuments, battlefields, and historic buildings. It includes the houses, streets, stores and factories that make up our communities—those familiar places and structures that remind us of the accomplishments, character, and dreams of our forebears.

For our own sake, and for that of future generations of Americans, we must do all that lies within our power to preserve this cultural heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 7, 1978, as National Historic Preservation Week. I call upon Government agencies at all levels, interested private individuals and organizations, and Americans everywhere, to mark this observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities in their communities and neighborhoods.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of May, 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 4570

May 11, 1978

Mother's Day, 1978*By the President of the United States of America***A Proclamation**

Motherhood is a lifelong commitment.

It is a promise to share in fulfilling all the unique potential of a helpless newborn child, and to shape that person into an independent, responsible adult. For some, motherhood means guiding bright minds, strong bodies, and exquisite talents—maintaining a delicate balance between humanity and the special gifts of God. For others, motherhood means helping a weak body or an unawakened mind overcome burdens that may often seem too great to bear. For both, motherhood brings the privilege of seeing the tired world through fresh eyes and the satisfaction of knowing that one has met another's needs in a way no other could.

To the mothers of America, in recognition of their achievements in the art of raising a new generation of Americans and as an acknowledgment of all they have

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36 USC 142.

done to shape our national character, the Congress, by joint resolution of May 8, 1914 (38 Stat. 770; 36 U.S.C. 141), has set aside the second Sunday in May of each year as a day of special tribute.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby request that Sunday, May 14, 1978, be observed throughout our Nation as Mother's Day. I ask all Americans to take this opportunity to express their personal gratitude to their own mothers and to thank all those women whose tireless devotion to their families has so enriched our Nation.

I ask all public officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings and urge all Americans to display our flag at their homes or other suitable places on that day as a public expression of our love for the mothers of our country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of May, 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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May 15, 1978

Armed Forces Day, 1978

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The men and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard serve their country with pride and dignity. Each day we enjoy peace is a reminder of their important role.

It is with equal pride that we Americans set aside one day each year to pay tribute to these patriotic volunteers, stationed throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, continuing the precedent of my six immediate predecessors in this Office, do hereby proclaim the third Saturday of each May as Armed Forces Day.

I direct the Secretary of Defense on behalf of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps, and the Secretary of Transportation on behalf of the Coast Guard, to plan for appropriate observances each year, with the Secretary of Defense responsible for soliciting the participation and cooperation of civil authorities and private citizens.

I invite the Governors of the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, to provide for the observance of Armed Forces Day within their jurisdiction each year in an appropriate manner designed to increase public understanding and appreciation of the Armed Forces of the United States.

I also invite national and local veterans, civic and other organizations to join in the observance of Armed Forces Day each year.