

38 Stat. 771.
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

Proclamation 4571

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.

I call upon my fellow Americans not only to display the flag of the United States at their homes on Armed Forces Day, but also to learn about our system of defense, and about the men and women who sustain it, by attending and participating in the local observances of the day.

Proclamation 4492 of March 22, 1977, is hereby superseded.

91 Stat. 1727.

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

Proclamation 4572

May 19, 1978

Prayer for Peace

Memorial Day, May 29, 1978

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

We pause at this time of year to remember those who sacrificed their lives over the last two centuries to preserve America's freedoms.

We honor them today for their faith in the principles of liberty and justice which motivated our founding fathers, and must motivate us today.

The highest tribute we can pay those who fought and sometimes died for our country is to strengthen in time of peace those values for which they struggled in time of war.

Let us pray for peace, but let us also vow that, if the test of unavoidable combat should ever come again, we will meet it with courage, and devotion to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Memorial Day, May 29, 1978, as a day for all Americans to join together in prayer for lasting peace. To that end, I designate the hour beginning in each locality at 11 o'clock on the morning of that day as the appropriate time for the American people to unite in prayer.

I call upon the appropriate officials of all levels of government to fly the flag at half-staff until noon during Memorial Day on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels throughout the United States and in all areas under its jurisdiction and control. I request the people of the United States to display the flag at half-staff from their homes and other suitable places for the same customary forenoon period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth 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