

But handicapped individuals too often have had to exist on the sidelines of life because of poor education, improper vocational preparation, unavailable transportation, inaccessible buildings and other difficulties.

Now, however, local, state and Federal laws and regulations are beginning to ensure equal rights to the disabled, so that they will no longer be second-class citizens. All offices of the Federal government have been directed to improve hiring and promotion practices as they relate to handicapped individuals. The private sector, too, is being made more aware of its duties and responsibilities.

To affirm our commitment to handicapped individuals, the Congress, by joint resolution of August 11, 1945, as amended (36 U.S.C. 155) has called for the designation of the first week in October of each year as National Employ the Handicapped Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning October 1, 1978, as National Employ the Handicapped Week. I urge all Governors, Mayors, other public officials, leaders in business and labor, and private citizens at all levels of responsibility to help secure full employment rights for handicapped individuals and to remove all barriers that prevent their full participation in every aspect of our national life.

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

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4594

September 8, 1978

National School Lunch Week, 1978

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

Every child needs wholesome food. The National School Lunch Program was created in 1946 to help our nation achieve that goal. It now provides nutritious lunches to 26 million children every school day.

I am proud of the success of the National School Lunch Program and of the two other nutrition-related school activities that complement its success.

One is the School Breakfast Program that now serves 2.8 million children daily. It gives all children, not just the needy, the chance to eat breakfast at school if they cannot eat at home.

The other is the Nutrition Education and Training Program that will instruct children, teachers, and school food service workers on the relationship between food, nutrition, and health.

In recognition of the National School Lunch Program's contribution to America's youth, the Congress, by a joint resolution of October 9, 1962 (76 Stat. 779; 36 U.S.C. 168), has designated the week beginning the second Sunday of October of each year as National School Lunch Week, and has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to observe the week of October 8, 1978, as National School Lunch Week and to give special recognition to the role of good nutrition in building a stronger America through its youth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of September, 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 third.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4595

September 11, 1978

Veterans Day, 1978

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### A Proclamation

Among the great days of national remembrance, none is more deeply moving to Americans than Veterans Day. On this occasion, our nation traditionally joins together to salute those valiant individuals who have served in the Armed Forces.

This is a very special day. It symbolizes the debt of gratitude we owe our veterans. It reminds us that the freedom we enjoy has endured intact because millions of patriotic men and women answered their country's call to service and sacrifice.

Our veterans have not sought glory for themselves, but peace and freedom for us all. They represent the spirit that has preserved us as a great nation. They deserve our recognition for all they have done.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, invite all Americans to observe Saturday, November 11, 1978, as Veterans Day and on this historic occasion, let us resolve anew to keep faith with those whose love of country has set them in an imperishable roll of honor.

I urge all the families and friends of our sick and disabled veterans to visit them and extend to them a grateful nation's promise that they will not be forgotten.

I call upon Federal, State, and local Government officials to mark Veterans Day by displaying the flag of the United States, and by encouraging and supporting public involvement in appropriate ceremonies throughout the country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of September, 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 third.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4596

September 15, 1978

National Port Week, 1978

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### A Proclamation

Since the days of its early settlement, the United States has been dependent on water transportation for its trade. Populations tended to locate around harbors,