

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,

which rapidly became the economic centers of the New World. Now there are some 170 commercial seaports in this country, as well as numerous inland ports on our navigable inland waterways. The result has been the creation of a network of ocean and inland ports that includes many of the country's most important centers of industry, distribution, finance, and education.

Ports provide the vital link between land and water carriers. The port industry contributes enormously to the Nation's economy. It facilitates international trade, employs significant numbers of people, provides substantial personal and business incomes, and generates revenues for State and local governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, in order to remind Americans of the importance of the port industry of the United States to our national life, do hereby designate the seven calendar days beginning September 17, 1978, as "National Port Week." I invite the Governors of the several States, the chief officials of local governments, and the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of September, 1978, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-eight, and of the Independence of the United States the two hundred and third.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4597

September 19, 1978

United Nations Day, 1978

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The founding of the United Nations, on October 24, 1945, was an historic attempt to establish a framework for international cooperation.

The nations of the world now face such tasks as maintaining international peace and security; promoting basic human rights; building a better international economic order; and allocating fairly the globe's natural resources. The United Nations and its affiliated agencies bring together representatives of all nations to work together toward these goals. It holds out the vision of a truly cooperative world—a world at peace.

As one of its founding members, as its leading contributor, and as its host country, the United States feels a special pride in the Organization's accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Tuesday, October 24, 1978, as United Nations Day.

I have appointed Clifton C. Garvin, Jr., to be United States National Chairman for United Nations Day.

I urge Americans to become better acquainted with the institutions that make up the United Nations, to consider its role in addressing the problems of global interdependence, and to help it resolve the array of critical international issues that face us in these times.