

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, call upon all Americans to observe Tuesday, May 1, 1979, as Loyalty Day. I also ask the appropriate officials of the Government and all citizens to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings and other fitting places.

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

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4658 of April 18, 1979

Older Americans Month, 1979

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The older American embodies not only a lifetime of experience and accomplishment, but also invaluable and often unrecognized resources of talent, energy and wisdom. Our country's awareness of the contributions and potential of our older people has steadily grown in recent years, as an increasing number of Americans have shown that their later years can indeed be rewarding ones for themselves and their communities.

Yet for too many of our people, the later years are often wasted and miserable because of health problems. This year's theme for the May observance of Older Americans Month is "Better Health Through Better Care."

Health is defined by the World Health Organization as a "state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease and infirmity." Good adequate health requires more than just the treatment of sickness and injury, though providing treatment is vital. Good health care must also include proper nutrition, preventive and health maintenance services, as well as provision for long-term care.

In older persons the interrelationship between physical and mental health is especially important. Mental health services for the elderly have been sadly lacking in this country. Active and satisfying lives are both dependent upon and necessary to maintaining the health of older Americans.

The accessibility of all types of health services is critically important to the elderly, and holding down the costs of both crisis-oriented and preventive services is essential if the real needs are to be met.

As we make greater use of the abilities of older Americans, and find ways to better meet their special needs, particularly in relation to health services, all of our people will benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the month of May 1979 as Older Americans Month. I ask public officials at all levels, doctors, nurses, and other health professionals, and people of all ages, to promote better health care and social services for older people, and to undertake appropriate projects both on a public and on a personal level to ensure the best possible health for older people.

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

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4659 of April 30, 1979

Father's Day, 1979

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

We live in a time of transition for the American family, but the strength and stability of a healthy, loving family life continues to remain the bedrock on which our society is organized.

The evolving roles of men and women in our society have posed new challenges and opened new opportunities, for fathers as well as mothers. To the degree that mothers are assuming a more active role in the nation's workforce, fathers are being asked to play an even greater role in the upbringing of their children. At the same time, they continue to carry out their traditional duties of helping to support their families financially, emotionally and spiritually.

Traditionally, our nation each year sets aside Father's Day as a special time to honor America's fathers.

The character of each of us has been molded and shaped in part by our own fathers. Father's Day is a time for all of us to reflect on the sacrifices our fathers have made on our behalf. It also is a time for fathers to receive that most precious gift, the love and gratitude of those they have nurtured and protected for so many years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby request that Sunday, June 17, 1979, be observed as Father's Day. I direct Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on this day and I urge all citizens to display the flag at their homes and other suitable places.

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

JIMMY CARTER