

grasslands, wildlife refuges, even the famous Gateway Arch in St. Louis. State park systems have similar treasures. Oregon's coast is dotted with State-run beaches that offer agate-hunting and surf-fishing, while New York's Adirondack Park—three times the size of Yellowstone and the country's largest State park—boasts more than 9000 square miles of wilderness within a day's drive of 55 million Americans.

The preservation of wilderness is one goal of the country's park systems. Accessibility is another. Parks and recreation areas all over the country offer a variety of programs, experiences and opportunities to all Americans, including the disabled, the disadvantaged, the elderly and the very young.

It is important that everyone be able to enjoy our landscape and history and to engage in healthy leisure activities—whether it's boating or fishing, walking or climbing. But to work well, to work for all of us and all our needs, the park systems need our help—our suggestions, our thoughts, our cooperation—especially in this time of energy conservation. These are contributions we can all make, this week and every week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim June 1-7, 1980, as National Recreation and Parks Week. I call on all Americans to observe this occasion by giving serious thought to the ways they can better use and preserve the parks of this country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourth.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4761 of May 19, 1980

Captive Nations Week, 1980

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Twenty-one years ago, by a joint resolution approved July 17, 1959 (73 Stat. 212), the Eighty-Sixth Congress authorized and requested the President to proclaim the third week in July as Captive Nations Week.

Throughout our history we Americans have held the deep conviction that liberty and independence are among mankind's inalienable rights. Our ideal has remained that of our founding fathers: governments derive their legitimacy from the consent of the peoples they govern. Soviet aggression against Afghanistan is the latest stark reminder that this ideal is not universally respected.

Mindful of our heritage and our principles, let us take this week to salute the men and women everywhere who are devoted to the cause of liberty and the pursuit of human rights in their native lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning on July 13, 1980, as Captive Nations Week.

I invite the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities and to reaffirm their dedication to the ideals that unite us and inspire others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourth.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4762 of June 6, 1980

Petroleum Import Licensing Requirements

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862), I hereby proclaim, effective immediately, that:

Any license for the importation of crude oil or gasoline as defined in Proclamation 4744 and issued thereunder shall remain valid, for purposes of Proclamation 3279, as amended, until 12:01 a.m. September 1, 1980, provided that the time period for which it was issued has not expired and that the volumes authorized to be imported under that license have not been entered into the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourth.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4763 of June 16, 1980

50th Anniversary of the Veterans Administration

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Fifty years ago, on July 21, 1930, President Herbert Hoover established the Veterans Administration, fulfilling the words of Abraham Lincoln that our great Nation would "care for him who had borne the battle, and for his widow and orphan."

The world has seen much turbulence and suffering since that day, and American families have all touched in some sense the tragedy of war. Throughout this period, the Veterans Administration has set a standard of care and compassion.

Ante, p. 3736.
19 USC 1862
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