On this 50th anniversary of the Veterans Administration, Americans take pride in having led the world in healing the physical and social wounds of war. Our system of assistance and care for veterans is the most comprehensive in the world. In medicine, the Veterans Administration has been a leader in innovation, research, and the quality of care. Its staff includes Nobel Prize winners and other men and women of international renown. Millions of Americans have been helped by Veterans Administration benefits and services, and protected by Veterans Administration life insurance. Veterans loan guarantees have made home ownership possible for tens of thousands of families, and GI Bill education has transformed the social fabric of America. These efforts express our appreciation and commitment to those who have sacrificed for our country and to the families of those who gave their lives in its service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim July 21, 1980, as Veterans Administration 50th Anniversary Day, and call upon State and local officials and all Americans to observe this day with appropriate activities.

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

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4764 of June 18, 1980

National Athletic Boosters Week

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The young people of America are one of our greatest natural resources, and their health and well-being are vital to the health and well-being of the Nation. The thousands of youth athletic programs run by communities, schools, and private groups all across this country promote physical fitness among our youth—and more. They also give the young people of this country invaluable training in sportsmanship, fair play, and team effort. They are the training ground for those who will eventually replace us—and surpass us.

Youth athletic programs are heavily dependent on voluntary contributions of funds and services from individuals. Thanks to the generosity of Americans throughout the United States, these programs continue to succeed in their crucial task. Such volunteers are a credit to their communities and to the Nation.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 442, has requested the President to proclaim the week beginning June 22, 1980, as National Athletic Boosters Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning June 22, 1980, as National Athletic Boosters Week, and I call upon the people of the United States to observe it with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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