IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-ninth
day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of
the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and
fifth.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4788 of August 29, 1980

Columbus Day, 1980

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On October 12, 1492, an Italian sea captain and his crew, having sailed into
the western void in three fragile craft, touched land and revealed a New
World to the astonished eyes of the old.

The Genoese Christopher Columbus, sailing for his royal Spanish patrons in
search of fortune, glory and the validation of his dream, found these and
more.

Today, almost five centuries later, we still honor Columbus for the stout
heart and tenacity of purpose that sustained his exploits. He inspired an
age of exploration and a continuing era of victory over the forces of com­
placency and ignorance.

As we prepare to commemorate the four hundred eighty-eighth anniversary
of Columbus’s historic landfall, we of the New World can pay no greater
tribute to his memory than to keep alive that spark of hope and nerve that
never failed him and has never failed us.

In tribute to the achievement of Columbus, the Congress of the United
States of America, by joint resolution approved April 30, 1934 (48 Stat. 657),
as modified by the Act of June 28, 1968 (82 Stat. 250), requested the Presi­
dent to proclaim the second Monday in October of each year as Columbus
Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of
America, do hereby designate Monday, October 13, 1980, as Columbus Day;
and I invite the people of this Nation to observe that day in schools,
churches, and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies in his
honor.

I also direct that the flag of the United States of America be displayed on
all public buildings on the appointed day in memory of Christopher Colum­
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