

Because of its unique nature, however, the construction industry is also unusually affected by downturns in the economy. It is with pride that I salute the hearty individuals who persevere in the face of tough obstacles, and I reiterate my commitment to revitalize the construction industry and bring it back to an environment of prosperity.

Ante, p. 8.

The Congress has, by Senate Joint Resolution 122, demonstrated its commitment by requesting me to designate February 28 through March 6, 1982, as National Construction Industry Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim February 28 through March 6, 1982, as National Construction Industry Week. I call upon the people of the United States and all Government agencies to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 4906 of March 4, 1982

Louisiana World Exposition of 1984

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

In 1984, the United States of America will host a major international exposition that will explore the fundamental relationship of water to life. To be held in New Orleans on the great Mississippi River, the Louisiana World Exposition has its theme "The World of Rivers—Fresh Water as a Source of Life."

The theme is most timely and appropriate.

We are the first generation in history to have seen the Earth from space, and it has given us new understanding. As seen from those great distances, the dominant colors of Earth are blue and white; blue for the great oceans, and white for the canopy of clouds that replenish the land with fresh water, forming rivers and streams that lead again to the oceans. Earth is primarily a water planet.

As the world economy grows, the wise use of all resources, including fresh water, becomes increasingly important. The direct human suffering caused by severe droughts and floods is monumental and can affect the global economic and political system. Man's technological and economic response to the challenge of new demands on our water needs to be shared and demonstrated.

There is inspiration, too, in the power and majesty of the world's rivers and their role in shaping the culture and history of so many different peoples. This celebration of the World of Rivers will be a celebration of the human experience itself.

With its many splendid opportunities for cultural and technological exchange, the Louisiana World Exposition has the full and enthusiastic support of the United States Government. In accordance with law, I shall appoint a United States Commissioner General to exercise the responsibility of the United States Government for fulfillment of the Convention of November 22, 1928, Relating to International Expositions, as modified.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, in further recognition of this Louisiana World Exposition, do hereby invite the several States of the Union and its Territories to participate in the exposition and authorize and direct the Secretary of State to invite, on my behalf, such foreign countries as he may consider appropriate to participate in this event.

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

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 4907 of March 10, 1982

Imports of Petroleum

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The Secretaries of Commerce and Energy have advised me that the threat to the national security posed by imports of petroleum continues. The Secretaries, in conjunction with the Secretaries of State, Defense, and Treasury, advise that we no longer consider Libya to be a reliable supplier of United States energy needs, and that we must ensure we are not vulnerable to Libyan action in this area. Libyan policy and action supported by revenues from the sale of oil imported into the United States are inimical to the United States national security. The Secretaries recommend that I take steps immediately to eliminate the dependence of the United States on Libya as a source of crude oil.

I agree with the recommendation and believe that the changes proposed are consistent with the purposes of Proclamation 3279, as amended, and the national security findings on which it is based.

73 Stat. C25.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me 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), do hereby proclaim that:

USC prec. title 1.

Section 1. Section 1 of Proclamation 3279, as amended, is further amended by the revision of paragraph (e) to read as follows:

Sec. 1(e). Notwithstanding any other provision of the Proclamation, no crude oil produced in Libya (except crude oil loaded aboard maritime vessels at any time prior to March 12, 1982) may be imported into the United States, its territories or possessions.

Sec. 2. Section 11 of Proclamation 3279, as amended, is further amended by the revision of paragraph (l) to read as follows:

Sec. 11(l) The term "imports", when applied to crude oil other than that produced in Libya, includes both entry for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption, but excludes unfinished oils and finished products processed in the United States territories and foreign trade zones from crude oil produced in the United States.

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

RONALD REAGAN