

**Proclamation 4912 of March 24, 1982****Loyalty Day, 1982**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

Among the blessings of this wonderful land are our free institutions. Americans are guaranteed freedom of speech, religion, and the press and the right to assemble and petition for the redress of grievances. Our citizens cherish their liberty and their right to be protected against the unwarranted intrusion of government. Our freedoms have been hard-won and will be preserved.

Other countries are not so fortunate. Time and time again, individuals, groups, and whole peoples have been subjected to tyrannies and deprivations. When thoughtful Americans witness the oppression, even terror, that is so prevalent in many other parts of the world, they cannot help but feel a deep and abiding appreciation for, and renewed loyalty to, our own Nation and its ideals.

Americans prize their diversity but are united in a shared allegiance to our Nation's tradition of justice and liberty for all. We have fought for these traditions in the past, and we will not permit their erosion in the future.

It is altogether fitting that we set aside a day for reflection on our stake in democracy and in its highest purpose—the advancement of the freedom and dignity of mankind.

By joint resolution approved July 18, 1958 (72 Stat. 369, 36 U.S.C. 162), Congress has designated May 1 of every year as Loyalty Day in order to encourage all Americans to reflect upon our national institutions, our heritage of freedom, and what it means to be an American.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, call upon all Americans and patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe Saturday, May 1, 1982, as Loyalty Day, with appropriate ceremonies.

I call upon all Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings and grounds on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th 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 4913 of March 24, 1982****National Recognition Day for Nurses, 1982**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

Scientific advancements in recent years have dramatically expanded the role of nurses in our health care system, and their knowledge and skills have increased to keep pace with new technologies and methods of treatments.

Yet, the very core of nursing—caring for patients at the bedside—remains unchanged. Nurses bring a special compassion and concern for the patient and for the patient's family.

Nurses play a vital role in educating people in how to avoid illness and promote good health.

Nurses are essential to every health care setting—in hospitals, nursing homes, ambulatory care centers, and patients' homes.

Cardiac, post-surgical, trauma, and burn units require intensive nursing care around the clock. Community health nurses enable the elderly to receive needed care in their own homes. Nurses trained in maternal and child health provide much of the care in urban and rural clinics.

Nurses with specialized training treat cancer patients, stroke victims, and psychiatric patients. Nurse researchers are developing new and better ways to improve nursing practice, reduce patient stress, and help patients and their families cope with illness.

The nurses of this country deserve our gratitude for their personal and professional contributions to the improved health of American citizens.

The Congress has, by House Joint Resolution 263, Public Law 97-57, demonstrated its commitment by requesting me to designate May 6, 1982, as National Recognition Day for Nurses.

95 Stat. 978.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 6, 1982, as National Recognition Day for Nurses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th 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 4914 of March 25, 1982**

**Zoo and Aquarium Month, 1982**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

Zoos and aquariums play a major role in the cultural life of our nation, providing a wholesome recreational and educational environment for more than 125 million visitors and a living classroom for some 20 million school children each year.

Among the 200 zoos and aquariums located in the United States are some of the finest facilities in the world. Many of our zoos and aquariums have pioneered in efforts to conserve the thousands of species they house. They have also collaborated with institutions around the globe to preserve wildlife and to develop more sophisticated techniques for exhibiting animals in a natural setting.

Animals are a universal language, and they have appeal to people everywhere. By enabling us to experience animals firsthand and to learn about their habitats, zoos and aquariums have become a valuable and unique asset.