Sept., in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the
Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighth.

RONALD REAGAN

Editorial Note: According to a note appearing on page 1441 of volume 19 of the Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, the Office of the Press Secretary states that the word "first" should be deleted from the text where it appears in the second and fourth paragraphs of Proclamation 5098.

Proclamation 5099 of September 19, 1983

National Historically Black Colleges Day, 1983

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

The one hundred and three historically black colleges and universities in
the United States have contributed substantially to the growth and enrich­
ment of the Nation. These institutions have a rich heritage and tradition of
providing the challenging higher education so essential to an individual’s
full participation in our complex technological society.

Historically black colleges and universities bestow forty percent of all de­
grees earned by black students. They have awarded degrees to eighty-five
percent of the country’s black lawyers and doctors and fifty percent of its
black business executives. Throughout the years, these institutions have
helped many underprivileged students to attain their full potential through
higher education.

In recognition of the fact that the achievements and goals of these histori­
cally black colleges and universities deserve national attention, the Con­
gress of the United States, by Senate Joint Resolution 85, has designated
and requested the President to proclaim September 26, 1983, as National
Historically Black Colleges Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States
of America, do hereby proclaim September 26, 1983, as National Historically
Black Colleges Day. I ask all Americans to observe this day with appro­
priate ceremonies and activities to express our respect and appreciation for
the outstanding academic and social accomplishments of the Nation’s black
institutions of higher learning.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of
September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and
of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and
eighth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5100 of September 19, 1983

Veterans Day, 1983

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

None among us deserve more respect than the millions of patriotic men and