day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-four, and
of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and
ninth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5226 of July 27, 1984

National Volunteer Firefighters Recognition Day, 1984

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Throughout our history, the American spirit has been distinguished by the
ready willingness of neighbors to join together and help one another. The
tradition of voluntary community service is as important today as it was in
the founding years of our country.

Our Nation's volunteer firefighters carry on this truly American tradition of
citizen response for the common good. Like the Minutemen of our early
years, these volunteers are ready to respond on short notice to help fellow
citizens in need. Volunteer firefighters protect our lives, our families, and
the economic life of our communities from the threat of destructive fire,
often at great personal sacrifice. But these volunteers are more than fire­
fighters. In many communities, they respond to a wide range of natural and
technological emergencies.

These trained and organized volunteers, our neighbors, are a valuable na­
tional resource. It is fitting and proper that a grateful Nation should recog­
nize the vital contributions of the one million men and women who serve in
our Nation's volunteer fire and rescue companies and departments.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 136, has designated August 18,
1984, as "National Volunteer Firefighters Recognition Day" and has author­
ized and requested the President to issue an appropriate proclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States
of America, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 18, 1984, as National Vol­
unteer Firefighters Recognition Day, and I call upon all Americans to join in
appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities to recognize the valuable
contributions of these public-spirited volunteers.

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

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5227 of August 16, 1984

Women's Equality Day, 1984

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment, which guarantees women the
right to vote, became part of the Constitution, the supreme law of our land.

USC prec. title 1.