

**Proclamation 6556—Loyalty Day,
1993**

May 1, 1993

*By the President of the United States
of America*

A Proclamation

“Loyalty Day” is an occasion on which we reaffirm our allegiance to our country and our devotion to the ideals on which it was founded. Our government “by the people” respects and protects the natural rights and freedoms of all citizens, without favor, and deserves our abiding fidelity.

For more than 200 years, people from around the world have immigrated to America, bringing their dreams and aspirations to a country that prides itself on its democratic ideals. There is no greater testament to the success of our system of governance than people’s desire to be a part of the great American experiment. Our Founders designed that system on the principles of individual liberties and rights of self-determination. Our Nation stands as a beacon of hope for all those who embrace these ideas.

Generations of Americans have demonstrated loyalty and devotion to their country and have gone to great lengths to preserve their freedom. Many have fought and died so that future generations could continue the proud traditions of our Nation. To acknowledge this loyalty and love of country, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved July 18, 1958 (72 Stat. 369; 36 U.S.C. 162), has designated May 1 of each year as “Loyalty Day.”

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 1, 1993, as Loyalty Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including public recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. I also call upon government officials to display the flag on all government buildings and grounds on this day.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the

United States of America the two hundred and seventeenth.

William J. Clinton

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**Statement on the Death of President
Ranasinghe Premadasa of Sri Lanka**

May 1, 1993

I am outraged by the assassination of President Ranasinghe Premadasa of Sri Lanka. I condemn this brutal act of terrorism.

President Premadasa served his country with great distinction. As Prime Minister and then as President, he worked tirelessly to promote his country’s development and raise the standard of living of all Sri Lankans. His efforts made a real difference to his fellow citizens.

I hope that the people of Sri Lanka will join together at this difficult time to renew their commitment to the fight against terrorism and to underscore their support for their democratic institutions.

Hillary and I wish to extend the sympathy of the American people to the people of Sri Lanka at the loss of their leader. We send our sincere condolences to the family of President Premadasa at this tragic time.

**Statement on the Prospects for Peace
in Bosnia**

May 2, 1993

The developments in the Vance-Owen process are a positive step, but we have yet to determine whether the Serbs are serious about peace. We will make that judgment based upon their actions on the ground in Bosnia. As Lord Owen said this morning, “We still have a long way to go.”

Other agreements in this protracted war have raised hopes but not changed behavior. We will judge intentions by actions. Accord-