

a time in this country when hardworking families lost their homes, their savings, their businesses, lost everything simply because their children got sick or because they had to change jobs. Our grandchildren will find such things unthinkable tomorrow if we have the courage to change today.

This is our chance. This is our journey. And when our work is done, we will know that we have answered the call of history and met the challenge of our time.

Thank you very much, and God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:10 p.m. in the House Chamber at the Capitol.

**Proclamation 6596—National Rehabilitation Week, 1993 and 1994**  
*September 22, 1993*

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

Millions of Americans with disabilities are able to achieve independence and lead active, productive lives with the assistance of rehabilitation therapy. Estimates indicate that half of the Nation's population will at some point in their lives need assistance in overcoming some form of physical, mental, emotional, or social disability. "National Rehabilitation Week" seeks to recognize not only the individuals who have learned to cope with their disabilities but also the dedicated health care professionals who have provided assistance through research, education, and therapy.

In tribute to these individuals and their many contributions to our society, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 50, has designated the periods beginning September 19 and ending September 25, 1993, and beginning September 18 and ending September 24, 1994, as National Rehabilitation Week, and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of these weeks.

**Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton,** President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the periods beginning

September 19, 1993, and ending September 25, 1993, and beginning September 18, 1994, and ending September 24, 1994, as National Rehabilitation Week. I call upon all Americans to observe these weeks with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities as an expression of their support.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-second day of September, 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 eighteenth.

**William J. Clinton**

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**Proclamation 6597—Energy Awareness Month, 1993**  
*September 22, 1993*

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

Politically, economically, and environmentally, our world is changing, and so are our energy choices. Our Nation has been blessed with a wide variety of energy resources. America's diverse climate, geography, and natural resources give us a flexibility unmatched in the world. It is our duty to use our energy resources wisely by increasing energy efficiency, commercializing renewable resources, and developing innovative, clean technologies.

The energy choices we make affect every aspect of our lives. The theme of Energy Awareness Month, 1993, New Energy Choices for a Changing World, highlights the importance of these decisions. In our homes, energy efficient appliances and "green" computers, such as those that qualify under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Energy Star Program, save us money and help to preserve the environment. On our Nation's highways, powering our vehicles