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organs are not available. These tragic deaths are unnecessary. Our country has a large number of people who qualify as organ donors—but many still have not chosen to become donors.

Last year, to help remedy this situation. Vice President Gore, with the Department of Health and Human Services, launched the National Organ and Tissue Donation Initiative to increase awareness of the urgent need for increased donation. We are working to ensure that all Americans know that by completing and carrying a donor card—and by making their families aware of their decision to donate—they may give the gift of life to other Americans or ease their suffering. And families who have lost their loved ones can gain solace in knowing that they have been able to bring life and comfort to others. This week, I encourage all Americans to honor the memory of Nicole Hadley—and the thousands of other generous people who have donated their organs—by learning more about the benefits of becoming an organ and tissue donor and by filling out a donor card.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 19 through April 25, 1998, as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week. I urge all health care professionals, educators, the media, public and private organizations concerned with organ donation and transplantation, the clergy, and all Americans to join me in promoting greater awareness and acceptance of this humanitarian action.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-second.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on April 22.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

April 13

The President and Mrs. Clinton announced that the next Millennium Evening will be a celebration of American creativity through poetry featuring Poets Laureate Robert Pinsky, Robert Hass, and Rita Dove and will take place in the East Room at the White House on April 22.

April 14

In the morning, the President traveled to Houston, TX.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with King Hussein I of Jordan concerning the Middle East and Northern Ireland peace processes and the President's trip to Africa.

In the evening, the President met with Hispanic leaders prior to the ESPN townhall meeting.

April 15

In the morning, the President traveled to Pratt City and McDonald Chapel, AL. In the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Santiago, Chile, arriving early the next morning.

April 16

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton met with President Eduardo Frei and his wife, Marta, at La Moneda Palace. Later, President Clinton and President Frei held bilateral meetings.

In the afternoon, President Clinton and President Frei toured a small business in the San Miguel neighborhood. Later, the Presidents and the First Ladies participated in a roundtable discussion with community leaders at San Andreas University.

April 17

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Valparaiso, Chile.

In the afternoon, they went to the town of Casablanca, where they participated in an informal discussion with community members. Later, the President addressed the community of Casablanca.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Santiago.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jonathan Spalter as Associate Director for Information at the U.S. Information Agency.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements

Released April 13

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President and Mrs. Clinton's 1997 Federal tax return

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Joe Lockhart, Deputy Press Secretary Barry Toiv, and Assistant Secretary for Foreign Affairs Eric Rubin

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger, Special Envoy for the Americas Thomas F. (Mack) McLarty, and U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky on the President's visit to Chile

Released April 14

Transcript of a press briefing by President's Race Initiative Executive Director Judith Winston, Counselor to the President Paul Begala, San Francisco 49ers President Carmen Policy, and Deputy Press Secretary Joe Lockhart on the ESPN townhall meeting in Houston

Text of a letter from OMB Director Franklin D. Raines

Announcement of resignation of OMB Director Raines and nomination of successor

Released April 15

Statement by the Press Secretary: 1999 NATO Summit

Released April 16

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger, U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, Special Envoy for the Americas Thomas F. (Mack) McLarty, and Deputy Press Secretary Barry Toiv on the President's bilateral discussions with President Frei of Chile

Fact sheet: U.S.-Chile Partnership for the 21st Century

Released April 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy National Security Adviser Jim Steinberg and Deputy Press Secretary Barry Toiv on the President's address to the Chilean Congress

Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.