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do hereby proclaim October 9, 2005, as Leif Erikson Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to honor our rich Nordic-American heritage.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on October 13.

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.

October 1

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared an emergency in Delaware and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

The President declared an emergency in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts to assist evacuees from the area struck by Hurricane Katrina and to provide emergency assistance to those areas beginning on August 29 and continuing.

October 2

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, the President attended the annual Red Mass.

In the evening, in the Residence, the President had dinner with Counsel to the President Harriet E. Miers to discuss his decision to nominate her to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Also in the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with White House Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card, Jr., to discuss his decision to nominate Harriet E. Miers to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

October 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a hurricane briefing.

Also in the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., and Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to discuss his decision to nominate Harriet E. Miers to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, he met with Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi of Malta.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a credential ceremony for newly appointed ambassadors to the U.S.

October 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

October 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus, USA, former commander, Multi-National Security and Transition Command—Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Karen P. Hughes.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Mar del Plata, Argentina, on November 3–5 to participate in the Summit of the Americas and to meet with President Nestor Kirchner of Argentina, and that the President will visit Brazil on November 5–6 and Panama on November 6–7.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey Thomas Bergner to be Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan McCaw to be Ambassador to Austria.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nicholas F. Taubman to be Ambassador to Romania.

October 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and a hurricane briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with William F. Buckley, Jr., founder of National Review magazine. Later, the President met with advisers to discuss avian inflenza.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Charles, Prince of Wales, of the United Kingdom and his wife, Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, to the White House for lunch and dinner on November 2.

October 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with Iraq print and broadcast journalists.

In the afternoon, the President met with chief executive officers of manufacturing companies to discuss private sector efforts to prepare for a potential avian influenza outbreak.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Steele Bohigan to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Market Access and Compliance.

The President announced his intention to nominate Antonio Fratto to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan C. Schwab to be Deputy U.S. Trade Representative with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ron Silver and Judy Van Rest to be members of the U.S. Institute for Peace.

The President declared a major disaster in North Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Ophelia on September 11–17.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted October 6

Jeffrey Thomas Bergner,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), vice Paul Vincent Kelly, resigned.

David Steele Bohigian,
of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, vice William Henry Lash III, resigned.

Terrence L. Bracy,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2010 (reappointment).

Antonio Fratto,
of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Robert Stanley Nichols.

Susan Rasinski McCaw,
of Washington, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Austria.

Susan C. Schwab,
of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, vice Peter F. Allgeier.

Ron Silver,
of New York, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009, vice Stephen D. Krasner, term expired.