

### **Proclamation 8113—National Poison Prevention Week, 2007**

March 16, 2007

*By the President of the United States  
of America*

#### **A Proclamation**

In the 45 years since the first National Poison Prevention Week was proclaimed by President John F. Kennedy, many lives have been saved from unintentional poisoning through awareness efforts across our country. This week, we reaffirm our commitment to the safety of our fellow citizens and to guarding against accidental poisonings.

Protecting our children is a solemn and special responsibility, and we must all continue to work to reduce the number of poison-related injuries and deaths. I encourage parents to make homes safer by keeping toxic substances sealed and out of reach and by carefully reading the labels on medicines before giving them to children and on household products before using them around children. In addition, carbon monoxide alarms can help protect against carbon monoxide poisoning, which claims the lives of hundreds of Americans each year.

If a poisoning is suspected, citizens can reach their nearest Poison Control Center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by calling 1-800-222-1222. This number should be called immediately at the first sign of a suspected poison emergency. The Poison Prevention Week Council website, [poisonprevention.org](http://poisonprevention.org), can provide additional information about poison prevention. By staying informed, being proactive, and remaining vigilant, we can avoid poison exposure and save more lives.

To encourage Americans to learn more about the dangers of accidental poisonings and take appropriate preventive measures, the Congress, by joint resolution approved September 26, 1961, as amended (75 Stat. 681), has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the third week of March each year as “National Poison Prevention Week.”

**Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush,** President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 18 through March

24, 2007, as National Poison Prevention Week. I call upon all Americans to participate in appropriate activities this week and to learn how to prevent poisonings, especially among children.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

**George W. Bush**

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on March 21.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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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.

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#### **March 10**

In the morning, at the Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel in Montevideo, Uruguay, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush met with U.S. Embassy staff and their families.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush went to Anchorena Park where he met with President Tabare Vazquez of Uruguay.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with President Vazquez and his wife, Maria Auxiliadora Delgado de Vazquez. They then toured Anchorena Park.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to the Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel. He then participated in an interview with Greta Van Susteren of FOX News for later broadcast.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the U.S. Ambassador’s residence where they attended a reception for government and business leaders. Later, they

returned to the Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel.

### **March 11**

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Bogota, Colombia, arriving in the afternoon. Upon arrival, they went to Casa de Narino where they participated in an arrival ceremony with President Alvaro Uribe Velez of Colombia and his wife, Lina Maria Moreno de Uribe.

Later in the afternoon, the President had a meeting followed by a working lunch with President Uribe. Later, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a briefing on alternative farm products development. They then went to the U.S. Embassy where they met with the staff and their families.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Guatemala City, Guatemala, where, upon arrival, they went to the Real InterContinental Guatemala hotel.

### **March 12**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush went to Carlos Emilio Leonardo School in Santa Cruz Balanya, Guatemala, and met with U.S. military medical readiness personnel. They then went to the town square where they met President Oscar Berger Perdomo of Guatemala and his wife, Wendy Widmann de Berger. They also met with Mayor Raymundo Juarez of Santa Cruz Balanya, visited with market vendors, and toured the Dr. Richard Carroll Municipal Library.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Iximche, Guatemala, where they toured Mayan ruins and attended a cultural performance.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to the Real InterContinental Guatemala in Guatemala City. Later, they went to the National Palace where they participated in an arrival ceremony with President Berger and Mrs. Widmann de Berger. Later, he met with President Berger.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to the Real InterContinental Guatemala where they met with U.S. Embassy staff and their families.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the National Palace where they had dinner with President Berger and Mrs. Widmann de Berger. Later, they traveled to Merida, Mexico, where, upon arrival, they went to the Hyatt Regency Merida hotel.

### **March 13**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Temozon Sur, Mexico, where they went to the Hacienda Temozon and toured the facility. He then met with President Felipe de Jesus Calderon Hinojosa of Mexico.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Uxmal, Mexico, where they toured the Uxmal ruins with President Calderon and his wife, Margarita Esther Zavala Gomez del Campo. Later, they returned to the Hyatt Regency Merida.

On March 12, the President declared an emergency in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by record snow and near record snow on February 12–14.

The President declared a major disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe freeze on January 11–17.

### **March 14**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with U.S. Embassy staff and their families.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

The President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms on February 23 to March 2.

### **March 15**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, at the Capitol, the President and Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland attended a Saint Patrick's Day luncheon hosted by Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi.

The President announced that he has nominated Henry Bonilla to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced that he has nominated Hans G. Klemm to be Ambassador to East Timor-Leste.

The President announced that he has nominated William R. Brownfield to be Ambassador to Colombia.

The President announced that he has nominated Phillip Carter III to be Ambassador to Guinea.

The President announced that he has nominated Stephen W. Porter to be a member of the National Council on the Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint H. Gary Morse and A.J. Scribante as members of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council: Fred S. Zeidman (Chair); Miriam Adelson; Tom A. Bernstein; Carol B. Cohen; Joel M. Geiderman; Michael J. Gerson; Zvi Gitelman; and William S. Levine.

### **March 16**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with King Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia and President Mohammed Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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

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### **Submitted March 12**

William Herbert Heyman, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2007, vice Deborah Doyle McWhinney, term expired.

William Herbert Heyman, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2010 (re-appointment).

Anne Cahn, of Maryland, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009, vice Betty F. Bumpers, term expired.

Bruce P. Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011, vice Chester A. Crocker, term expired.

Kathleen Martinez, of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011, vice Seymour Martin Lipset, term expired.

George E. Moose, of Colorado, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009, vice Mora L. McLean, term expired.

Jeremy A. Rabkin, 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 Barbara W. Snelling, term expired.

Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of 5 years expiring July 29, 2012 (reappointment).

Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for the term of 5 years expiring July 1, 2009 (re-appointment).