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SUBJECT: Presidential Commemorative
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2. VIPOND	_____	_____	
3. ROUSSELOT	_____	✓	
4. BLACKWELL	_____	✓	
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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September 19, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: JONATHON VIPOND 
FROM: DODIE LIVINGSTON
SUBJECT: PROCLAMATIONS

Thank you for meeting with me this afternoon. I know you have a busy schedule, but it will be very helpful for us to work just a bit more closely with you on proclamations and signing ceremonies.

Here is the list I promised you. It is fresh off the presses in the Executive Clerk's office. However, just a note of caution -- these lists are always out of date almost immediately because new proclamations are constantly being added.

Basically, as the legend at the end and the notes in the righthand column explain, there are four categories of proclamations:

1. Those which were issued in "x" year for perpetuity. The particular time is always for "y" event, but the proc is not actually issued again.
2. Those which are issued every year based on congressional action of "x" year.
3. Those (*) which were issued in 1982 but may or may not be issued again as the congressional resolution only covered the one year.
4. Those (**) which were issued in 1983 and may or may not be issued again for the same reason.

As you probably know from senior staff discussions, the rule of thumb at the White House is no proclamation will be issued unless it is requested by a joint resolution of the Congress. Single house resolutions are not enough nor are requests from private citizens or organizations.

As a practical matter, there sometimes are exceptions -- e.g., National Day of Mourning, lowering flag to half-staff

on government buildings, Decade of the Disabled (coming up with signing ceremony 11/28), etc. But senior staff has been quite consistent in holding to the rule.

As I mentioned to you this afternoon, the procs which were issued in perpetuity give those interested a guaranteed date to work with each year but no actual piece of paper. While we don't encourage the practice, we have provided Presidential messages where requested. This might be helpful to OPL in some instances if you were trying to build on a particular event or theme.

Another gimmick -- which would take some research -- is to pull out one year that is especially significant (e.g., a centennial or bicentennial anniversary of someone's birthday) and make a big deal out of it where usually the day would go by hardly noticed. 1976, for example, was the Sesquicentennial of Stephen Foster's birth -- I have no idea whether the Carter Administration did anything special with it, but sometimes there are groups which follow these things, and you could make a little hay.

Well -- I don't want to belabor the point but do find the process kind of fun and interesting.

The proclamations we now have in the works are:

1. National Sewing Month -- September 1983. (Joint resolution supposed to have been passed just today.)
2. National Employ the Handicapped Week -- week of October 2, 1983.
3. National High School Activities Week, 1983 -- October 17-23, 1983.
4. National Alzheimer's Disease Month -- November 1983.
5. National Farm-City Week, 1983 -- November 18-24, 1983.

If I can answer any questions for you or the rest of the OPL staff, please let me know (x2941).

The Clerk's office has all the records and the more technical information on proclamations (Ron Geisler and Dan Marks, x2226).

Again, thank you...

Attachment

PRESIDENTIAL COMMEMORATIVE PROCLAMATIONS CALENDAR

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS YEAR 1983: DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURES - The United Nations designated the year 1983 as such. Presidential Proclamation 5006 of 12/16/82 proclaimed the year in the United States.

BICENTENNIAL OF AIR AND SPACE FLIGHT (1983) - Proclamation 5009 of 1/3/83 (Requested by PL 97-413 of 1/3/83)

TRICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF GERMAN SETTLEMENT IN AMERICA - Proclamation 5014 of 1/20/83 (Requested by PL 97-472 of 1/14/83)

YEAR OF THE BIBLE, 1983 - Proclamation 5018 of 2/3/83 (Requested by PL 97-280 of 10/4/82)

NATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTARISM (5/1/83 - 4/30/84) - Proclamation 5057 of 4/29/83

BICENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE BIRTH OF SIMON BOLIVAR (7/24/83 - 7/23/84) - Proclamation 5073 of 7/19/83 (Requested by S. Con. Res. 14 agreed to 6/23/83)

- JANUARY -

13 Stephen Foster Memorial Day Proc. 2957, 12/13/51 (designating 1/13/52), covers all succeeding years. (PL 82-225 of 10/27/51)

** National Jaycee Week, 1983 Proc. 5011, 1/7/83 (PL 97-442 of 1/8/83 req'd.)

** One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Greene County, Missouri Proc. 5010, 1/3/83 (PL 97-421 of 1/4/83 req'd.)

** Public Employees' Appreciation Day, 1983 Proc. 5012, 1/10/83 (PL 97-420 of 1/4/83 req'd.)

- FEBRUARY -

American Heart Month Always issued each year for February since 1964. (PL 88-254 of 12/30/63)

1 National Freedom Day Proc. 2824, 1/25/49, covers all succeeding years. (PL 80-842 of 6/30/48)

** National Inventors' Day, 1983 Proc. 5013, 1/12/83 (PL 97-198 of 6/21/82 req'd.)

** Lithuanian Independence Day, 1983 Proc. 5023, 2/16/83 (PL 98-2 of 2/16/83 req'd.)

- MARCH -

Red Cross Month Always issued each year for March since 1943

Save Your Vision Week Issued for 1st week of March since 1964, except 1971 & 1982 when issued for 2nd week of March. Week in 1983 begins on March 6.

** National Agriculture Day, 1983 Proc. 5026, 3/7/83 (PL 97-318 of 10/14/82 req'd.) Issued in 1982 at request

** Women's History Week, 1983 Proc. 5029, 3/8/83 (PL 98-3 of 3/8/83 req'd.) Issued in 1982 at request

National Poison Prevention Week Always issued each year for 3rd week of March since 1962 (PL 87-319 of 9/26/61)

- ** Afghanistan Day, 1983 Proc. 5034, 3/21/83 (PL 98-10 of 3/24/83 req'd.) Issued in 1982 at request
- ** National Children and Television Week, 1983 Proc. 5024, 3/7/83 (PL 97-443 of 1/8/83 req'd.)
- ** National Eye Donor Month, 1983 Proc. 5033, 3/21/83 (PL 98-5 of 3/11/83 req'd.)
- ** National Mental Health Counselors Week, 1983 Proc. 5037, 3/25/83 (PL 98-9 of 3/24/83 req'd.)

- APRIL -

- Cancer Control Month Always issued for April since 1938 (Pub.Res.No. 82 of 3/28/38)
- 13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday Proc. 2276, 3/21/38, covers all succeeding years (Pub.Res.No. 60 of 8/16/37)
- 14 Pan American Day Proc. 1912, 5/28/30, had effect of covering every 4/14 (req'd by Governing Board of Pan American Union). Proc. 2386, 2/12/40, observes Union's 50th Anniversary. Proc. issued each year since 1948.
- Pan American Week Always issued for the week including 4/14, except in 1965, from 1946 thru 1948, 1955 thru 1977, and 1979
- ** National Consumers' Week, 1983 Proc. 5016, 1/20/83 (Also issued in 1982)
- ** Crime Victims Week, 1983 Proc. 5044, 4/7/83 (Also issued in 1982; "Victims Rights Week" was issued in 1981)
- ** Jewish Heritage Week, 1983 Proc. 5053, 4/19/83 (PL 98-20 of 4/19/83 req'd.) observes week beginning 4/17/83. Proc. 4936, 4/27/82 (PL 97-173 of 4/28/82 req'd.) observed week beginning 4/25/82. Proc. 4752, 4/24/80, observed week of 4/21/80 (PL 96-237 of 4/24/80 req'd.); Proc. 4844, 5/1/81, observed week of 5/3/81 (PL 97-10 of 5/1/81)
- ** National Coin Week, 1983 Proc. 5027, 3/7/83 (PL 97-239 of 8/20/82 req'd.)
- ** National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day, 1983 Proc. 5031, 3/14/83 (PL 97-189 of 6/1/82 req'd. issuance for 7/9/82 and 4/9/83) First issued in 1979 and again in 1980 and 1981 at request.
- ** Swedish-American Friendship Day, 1983 Proc. 5038, 4/4/83 (PL 98-15 of 4/4/83 req'd.)
- ** National Child Abuse Prevention Month, 1983 Proc. 5039, 4/4/83 (PL 98-7 of 3/16/83 req'd.) "Child Abuse Prevention Week" was issued in June 1982.
- ** National Mental Health Week, 1983 Proc. 5051, 4/15/83 (PL 98-19 of 4/15/83 req'd.)

- MAY -

- Steelmark Month Always May since 1967. Proc. 3778 4/8/67, covers all succeeding years (PL 89-703 of 11/2/66 req'd.)

	National Day of Prayer	May be for any day of the year except Sunday (PL 82-324, 4/17/52) Issued since 1952. Beginning in 1957 a day in October has been designated, except in 1972, 1975 thru 1977, and 1981 thru 1983.
	Older Americans Month	Proc. 5058, 5/6/83 (From 1963 thru 1973 this was called "Senior Citizens Month." In May 1974 it became Older Americans Month. In 1980 the title included Senior Citizens Day, which was observed on 5/8/80.)
1	Law Day	Issued each year for May 1 since 1958 (PL 87-20 of 4/7/61 req'd.)
1	Loyalty Day	Issued each year for May 1 since 1959 (PL 85-529 of 7/18/58 req'd.) Note that an earlier Proc. was issued in 1955.
	Mother's Day	Always the 2nd Sunday in May (Pub.Res.No. 2 of 5/8/14)
**	Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, 1983	Proc. 5036, 3/25/83. 1st issued in 1979, then done in 1980 thru 1983.
	National Defense Transportation Day	Issued each year for 3rd Friday in May since 1957 (PL 85-32, 5/16/57)
	National Transportation Week	Issued for week including 3rd Friday in May since 1960 (PL 86-475 of 5/20/60 first asked; PL 87-449 of 5/14/62 asks for an annual proc.)
15	Peace Officers Memorial Day	Always May 15 of each year since 1963; however, 1st issued in 1962 for May 14. Proc. 3537, 5/4/63, covers all succeeding years (PL 87-726 of 10/1/62)
	Police Week	Always week including May 15 since 1962. Proc. 3537, 5/4/63, covers all succeeding years (PL 87-726 of 10/1/62)
	Armed Forces Day	Always the 3rd Saturday in May since 1950. Proc. 4934, 4/16/82, covers 3rd Saturday of each May. Originally proclaimed as "Army Day" for April 6, beginning in 1936 (S.Con.Res. 30 of 4/2/36). S.Con. Res. 5 of 3/16/37, requested annual April 6 issuance which was done thru 1949. Traditionally issued once by each Administration
	World Trade Week	Has been issued each year since 1948 for the 3rd week of May with 3 exceptions: 1949, 1955 and 1966
22	National Maritime Day	Always issued for May 22 since 1933 (Pub.Res.No. 7 of 5/20/33)
	Memorial Day	Issued each year since 1948 per Congressional request. PL 81-512 of 5/11/50, asks President to proclaim annually this day as a day of prayer for permanent peace. PL 90-363 of 6/28/68, requires that beginning in 1971 it will be observed the last Monday in May. Title often contains "Prayer for Peace" therein as occurred in 1983.

Small Business Week	Issued each year since 1964 for a week in May
** National Arthritis Month, 1983	Proc. 5047, 4/11/83 (PL 98-18 of 4/5/83 req'd.)
** American Indian Day, 1983	Proc. 5049, 4/14/83 (PL 97-445 of 1/12/83 req'd.)
** National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, 1983	Proc. 5056, 4/26/83 (PL 98-23 of 4/26/83 req'd.)
** National Amateur Baseball Month, 1983	Proc. 5060, 5/11/83 (PL 98-16 of 4/4/83 req'd.)
** National Parkinson's Disease Week, 1983	Proc. 5061, 5/12/83 (PL 98-27 of 5/4/83 req'd.)
** National Andrei Sakharov Day	Proc. 5063, 5/18/83 (PL 98-30 of 5/18/83 req'd.)
** Missing Children Day, 1983	Proc. 5064, 5/25/83

- JUNE -

** Zoo and Aquarium Month, 1983	Proc. 5022, 2/14/83
National Safe Boating Week	Proc. 5065, 5/25/83. Previously issued each year from 1958 thru 1977 for a week including July 4 (PL 85-445 of 6/4/58). Not issued from 1978 thru 1980. Issued in 1981 thru 1983 for a week in June.
14 Flag Day	Issued each year for June 14. Proc. 1335, 5/30/16, covers all succeeding years. Has been issued annually since 1941 (PL 81-203 of 8/3/49)
National Flag Week	Issued each year since 1966 for the week including June 14 (PL 89-443 of 6/9/66)
** Baltic Freedom Day, 1983	Proc. 5068, 6/13/83 (PL 98-39 of 6/13/83 req'd.) Issued in 1982 at request.
Father's Day	Issued for 3rd Sunday in June in 1966 and each year since 1971 (PL 92-278 of 4/24/72)
National Little League Baseball Week	Always the week beginning the 2nd Monday of June. (H.Con.Res. 17 of 6/1/59). Procs. 3296 of 6/4/59, and 3407 of 4/18/61, cover all succeeding years.
** Management Week in America, 1983	Proc. 5062, 5/17/83 (PL 97-223 of 7/27/82 req'd.)
** National Scleroderma Week, 1983	Proc. 5069, 6/17/83 (PL 98-40 of 6/14/83 req'd.)
** National Children's Liver Disease Awareness Week, 1983	Proc. 5070, 6/20/83 (PL 98-41 of 6/20/83 req'd.)

- JULY -

Captive Nations Week	Issued each year since 1959 for the 3rd week of July (PL 86-90 of 7/17/59)
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- JULY (Cont'd.) -

- ** National Atomic Veterans' Day, 1983 Proc. 5072, 7/15/83 (PL 98-54 of 7/15/83 req'd.)
- ** FBI Day, 1983 Proc. 5076, 7/26/83
- ** National Animal Agriculture Week, 1983 Proc. 5077, 7/27/83 (PL 98-80 of 7/27/83 req'd.)

- AUGUST -

- 19 National Aviation Day Always August 19 of each year since 1939. Proc. 2343 of 1939 covers all succeeding years.
- 26 ** Women's Equality Day, 1983 Proc. 5079, 8/4/83 (Issued in 1973 and 1974 at request and from 1975 thru 1983 without request.)
- Helsinki Human Rights Day Proc. 5075, 7/25/83 (PL 98-58 of 7/25/83 req'd.)
- ** National Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day, 1983 Proc. 5078, 7/29/83 (PL 98-62 of 7/29/83 req'd.)
- National Child Support Enforcement Month, 1983 Proc. 5080, 8/5/83 (PL 98-68 of 8/5/83 req'd.)

- SEPTEMBER -

- ** Death of American Citizens Aboard Korean Airlines Flight Proc. 5086, 9/1/83
- ** 200th Anniversary of the Signing of the Treaty of Paris Proc. 5082, 8/11/83 (PL 98-75 of 8/11/83 req'd.)
- ** National Day of Mourning, Sunday, September 11, 1983 Proc. 5093, 9/9/83
- National Hispanic Heritage Week Issued each year for the week including September 15 and 16 since 1968 (PL 90-498 of 9/17/68)
- National Grandparents Day 1st Sunday in September following Labor Day (PL 96-62 of 9/6/79). Proc. 4679, 9/6/79, covers all succeeding years. 1st issued in 1978 (Proc. 4580, 8/3/78, req'd. by PL 95-325 of 7/28/78.)
- 17 Citizenship Day Always issued for September 17 (PL 82-261 of 2/29/52)
- 17-23 Constitution Week Always issued for period September 17-23 each year since 1955 (PL 84-915 of 8/2/56)
- National Farm Safety Week Issued each year since 1944 for one of the last two weeks in July; in 1982 & 1983: 3rd week in September
- Gold Star Mother's Day Always last Sunday of each September since 1936. Proc. 2424 of 1940 covers all succeeding years (Pub.Res.No. 123 of 6/23/36)
- National Hunting and Fishing Day Proc. 4682, 9/11/79, establishes the 4th Saturday of September 1979 as this day and covers all succeeding years.

- ** Minority Enterprise Development Week, 1983 Proc. 5083, 8/11/83
- * National P.T.A. Membership Month, 1982 Proc. 4964, 9/13/82 (PL 97-154 of 3/16/82 req'd.)
- * Dr. Robert H. Goddard Day Proc. 4982, 10/5/82 (PL 97-281 of 10/15/82 req'd.)
- Child Health Day Always 1st Monday of October. Proc. has been issued since 1928. In 1959 Congress changed celebration day from May 1 to the 1st Monday in October (Pub.Res.No. 46 of 5/18/28, and PL 86-352 of 9/22/59)
- * National Spinal Cord Injury Month Proc. 4987, 10/18/82 (PL 97-319 of 10/14/82 req'd.)
- * National Schoolbus Safety Week 1982 Proc. 4981, 10/5/82 (PL 97-284 of 10/5/82 req'd.) 1st issued in 1981 at request.
- National Employ the Handicapped Week Always issued for a week beginning during 1st week of October since 1945 (title changed by PL 91-442 of 10/8/70)
- * National Port Week, 1982 Proc. 4984, 10/12/82 (without request) Issued by request from 1978 thru 1981.
- Fire Prevention Week Issued annually for a week early in October since 1925
- 9 Leif Erikson Day Always October 9 since 1964 (PL 88-566 of 9/2/64)
- 11 General Pulaski Memorial Day Always issued for October 11 since 1929. (Requested by Congressional Resolution each year beginning in 1929 and thru 1946. Since 1947 has been issued by custom.) NOTE: Proc. 4869, 10/5/81, covers all succeeding years, but Proc. was issued again in 1982 and 1983.
- * National Newspaper Carrier Appreciation Day Proc. 4985, 10/12/82 (PL 97-294 of 10/12/82 req'd.)
- National School Lunch Week Issued for the week beginning with the 2nd Sunday of October since 1962 (PL 87-780 of 10/9/62) except 1981 when no Proc. was issued
- Columbus Day Always October 12 from 1934 thru 1970 (Pub.Res.No. 21 of 4/30/34). PL 90-363 of 6/28/68, required that beginning in 1971 it would be observed the 2nd Monday in October.
- 15 White Cane Safety Day Always issued for October 15 since 1964 (PL 88-628 of 10/6/64)
- * World Food Day, 1982 Proc. 4983, 10/5/82 (PL 97-282 of 10/5/82 req'd.) 1st issued in 1981 at request.
- National Forest Products Week Always issued for the week beginning with the 3rd Sunday of October since 1960 (PL 86-753 of 9/13/60)
- * Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Week, 1982 Proc. 4989, 10/22/82 (PL 97-317 of 10/14/82 req'd.)

- * Lupus Awareness Week, 1982 Proc. 4978, 9/24/82 (PL 97-236 of 8/17/82 req'd.) National Lupus Week issued in 1977, 1978 and 1979 for 3rd week in September (PL 95-72 of 7/25/77; PL 95-350 of 8/18/78; and PL 96-50 of 8/13/79) and in 1980 for 3rd week in October (PL 96-419 of 10/10/80). No Proc. issued in 1981.
- * National Housing Week, 1982 Proc. 4988, 10/19/82 (PL 97-349 of 10/18/82 req'd.)
- 24 United Nations Day Always issued for October 24 since 1948. (By unanimous request of the UN General Assembly)
- * Theodore Roosevelt Day Proc. 4992, 10/27/82
- 31 National UNICEF Day Proc. 3817, 10/27/67, covers all succeeding years
- * Head Start Awareness Month Proc. 4990, 10/22/82 (PL 97-315 of 10/14/82 req'd.)

- NOVEMBER -

- * National Diabetes Month, 1982 Proc. 4994, 11/2/82 (PL 97-353 of 10/19/82 req'd.) National Diabetes Week was issued for a week in October from 1979 thru 1981 at request
- 11 Veterans Day Formerly called "Armistice Day" and proclaimed each year since 1926 for November 11. PL 83-380 of 6/1/54 changed the name to "Veterans Day." PL 90-363 of 6/28/68, required that beginning in 1971 it would be observed the 4th Monday in October. PL 94-97 of 9/18/75, required that effective 1/1/78, the observance would revert to November 11.
- * National Christmas Seal Month, 1982 Proc. 4995, 11/2/82 (PL 97-355 of 10/19/82 req'd.)
- * Honoring the Ukrainian Helsinki Monitoring Group Proc. 4973, 9/21/82
- * National Disabled Veterans Week, 1982 Proc. 4971, 9/14/82 (PL 97-240 of 8/20/82 req'd.)
- * National Hospice Week, 1982 Proc. 4966, 9/13/82 (PL 97-182 of 5/24/82 req'd.)
- * National Respiratory Therapy Week Proc. 4997, 11/10/82 (PL 97-279 of 10/4/82 req'd.)
- American Education Week, 1982 After an absence of a number of years, this Proc. has been issued each year since 1955. (Issued in 1955 as a prelude to the White House Conference on Education.)
- * National Farm-City Week, 1982 Issued for a week in November since 1956. (Requested by Congressional Resolutions from 1956 thru 1958. Since 1959 has been issued without request. "Farm-City Week" was issued in 1955.)
- * National Alzheimer's Disease Week Proc. 4996, 11/2/82 (PL 97-277 of 10/4/82 req'd.)
- * National Family Week Issued in 1972 and 1976 thru 1981 at Congressional request for the week including Thanksgiving

* National Home Health Care Week, 1982 Proc. 5000, 11/15/82 (PL 97-316 of 10/14/82 req'd.)
Thanksgiving Day Always issued for the 4th Thursday in November

- DECEMBER -

2 Pan American Health Day Proc. 2447, 11/23/40, covers all succeeding years

10 Human Rights Day Proc. 2866, 12/6/49, covers all succeeding years; however, Presidents often include this Proc. when issuing Human Rights Week.

* A Day of Prayer for Poland and Solidarity With the Polish People Proc. 5004, 12/10/82

10-16 Human Rights Week Issued since 1958 for week of December 10-16

15 * Bill of Rights Day Has been proclaimed each year since 1962, but was omitted in 1967 and 1968 (Issued in 1941 and 1946 at Congressional request and in 1947 without request.) Since 1968 has been included in Human Rights Week proclamations.

* National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week Proc. 5005, 12/13/82 (PL 97-343 of 10/15/82 req'd.)

17 Pan American Aviation Day Proc. 2446, 11/18/40, covers all succeeding years (Pub.Res.No. 105 of 10/10/40)

17 Wright Brothers Day Always issued for December 17 since 1963 (PL 88-209 of 12/17/63). Issued twice earlier at Congressional request in 1959 and 1961.)

* Fiorello H. La Guardia Memorial Day Proc. 5007, 12/17/82 (PL 97-368 of 12/17/82 req'd.)

* National Closed-Captioned Television Month Proc. 5008, 12/29/82 (PL 97-419 of 1/4/83 req'd.)

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* Although issued in 1982, there is no assurance for issuance in future years.
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