freedom made possible by the service and sacrifice of so many. On Na-
tional POW/MIA Recognition Day, our entire Nation honors and pays spe-
cial tribute to our prisoners of war and those who remain missing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, 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 Friday, September 16, 2005,
as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. I call upon the people of the
United States to join me in saluting all American POWs and those missing
in action who valiantly served our country. I call upon Federal, State, and
local government officials and private organizations to observe this day
with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day
of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Inde-
pendence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Proclamation 7931 of September 16, 2005

National Hispanic Heritage Month, 2005

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Throughout our history, America has been a land of diversity and has bene-
itted from the contributions of people of different backgrounds brought to-
gether by a love of liberty. During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we
celebrate the achievements of Hispanic Americans and the significant role
they have played in making our Nation strong, prosperous, and free.

The contributions of Hispanic Americans have made a positive impact on
every part of our society. Americans of Hispanic descent are astronauts and
athletes, doctors and teachers, lawyers and scientists. The vibrancy of our
Nation’s Hispanic performers enriches music, dancing, and the arts. His-
panic Americans serve at every level of government, including as Attorney
General of the United States and Secretary of Commerce. Latino entre-
trepreneurs are starting and growing businesses all across America, creating
jobs and opportunities. The hard work and determination of Hispanic
Americans continue to inspire all those who dream of a better life for them-
selves and their families.

Our Nation’s Hispanic community has contributed to the advance of free-
dom abroad and to the defense of freedom at home. In every generation,
Hispanic Americans have served valiantly in the United States military.
Today there are more than 200,000 Hispanic Americans serving in the
Armed Forces, and our Nation is grateful for their courage and sacrifice.
In addition, thousands of Hispanic Americans are helping to defend and
protect our homeland by serving as police officers and firefighters. All
Americans are thankful for their daily work in helping to keep our Nation
safe.

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we join together to recognize the
proud history and rich culture of Hispanic Americans. To honor the
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achievements of Hispanic Americans, the Congress, by Public Law 100–402, as amended, has authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating September 15 through October 15 as “National Hispanic Heritage Month.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2005, as National Hispanic Heritage Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of September, 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

Proclamation 7932 of September 16, 2005

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, Constitution Week, 2005

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

More than two centuries after our Founding Fathers gathered in 1787 in Philadelphia, our Nation continues to be guided by the Constitution they drafted.

The Constitution of the United States reflects our ideals and establishes a practical system of government. It provides for three separate branches—the legislative, the executive, and the judicial—with defined responsibilities and with checks and balances among the branches. Under our Constitution, both the Federal Government and the State governments advance the will of the people through the people’s representatives. To protect the rights of our citizens and maintain the rule of law, Article III of the Constitution provides for a judiciary of independent judges who have life tenure.

These fundamental principles—separation of powers, federalism, and an independent judiciary—have endured, and they have been essential to our Nation’s progress toward equal justice and liberty for all. On Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and during Constitution Week, we celebrate the genius of our Constitution and reaffirm our commitment to its stated purposes: “to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.”