many of the principal challenges to international peace and security are rooted in the need to prevent or address unconscionable slaughter and violence within states. As the United States works to address challenges old and new, we will continue our close cooperation with partners across the globe, including at the United Nations. And recognizing that the path to conflict often begins with the denial of basic human dignity, we remain committed to realizing another fundamental principle set forth in the Charter—that no one should be denied the fundamental freedoms that are their birthright.

As we mark the founding of a body built to pursue peace in an imperfect world, let us reaffirm that the values set forth in its Charter guide us still. They remind us that leaders and citizens alike, in the United States and around the world, will be judged by whether we contributed to a world that is more peaceful, just, and free. Let us honor the men and women of the United Nations itself, who work in countries across the globe, often unseen and uncelebrated, to improve the lives of the world’s most vulnerable people. May we stand firm in our resolve to give voice to the voiceless and to turn swords into plowshares. And may we never lose sight of the essential truth that we live in a world where our fates are bound together as a community of nations, strengthened by our differences and united by our shared hopes for the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2013, as United Nations Day. I urge the Governors of the 50 States, and the officials of all other areas under the flag of the United States, to observe United Nations Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

BARACK OBAMA

Proclamation 9046 of October 28, 2013

Death of Thomas S. Foley Former Speaker of the House of Representatives

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

As a mark of respect for the memory of Thomas S. Foley, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. I
also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff on that day at all United
States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, in-
cluding all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth
day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the
Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-
eighth.

BARACK OBAMA

Proclamation 9047 of October 31, 2013

Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month, 2013

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Over the last few decades, our Nation has grown increasingly dependent
on critical infrastructure, the backbone of our national and economic secu-
ring. America’s critical infrastructure is complex and diverse, combining
systems in both cyberspace and the physical world—from power plants,
bridges, and interstates to Federal buildings and the massive electrical grids
that power our Nation. During Critical Infrastructure Security and Resil-
ience Month, we resolve to remain vigilant against foreign and domestic
threats, and work together to further secure our vital assets, systems, and
networks.

As President, I have made protecting critical infrastructure a top priority.
Earlier this year, I signed a Presidential Policy Directive to shore up our
defenses against physical and cyber incidents. In tandem with my Execu-
tive Order on cybersecurity, this directive strengthens information sharing
within my Administration and between the Federal Government and its
many critical infrastructure partners, while also ensuring strong privacy
protections. Because of the interconnected nature of our critical infrastruc-
ture, my Administration will continue to work with businesses and industry
leaders and build on all the great work done to date. With these part-
tners, and in cooperation with all levels of government, we will further en-
hance the security and resilience of our critical infrastructure.

We must continue to strengthen our resilience to threats from all hazards
including terrorism and natural disasters, as well as cyber attacks. We must
ensure that the Federal Government works with all critical infrastructure
partners, including owners and operators, to share information effectively
while jointly collaborating before, during, and after an incident. This in-
cludes working with infrastructure sectors to harden their assets against ex-
treme weather and other impacts of climate change.

Emerging and evolving threats require the engagement of our entire Na-
tion—from all levels of government to the private sector and the American
people. This month, as we recognize that safeguarding our critical infra-
structure is an economic and security imperative, let each of us do our part
to build a more resilient Nation.