

Message on Space Exploration Day

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On July 20, 1969, *Apollo 11* successfully landed the first crewed mission on the Moon, launching mankind into a new and uncharted era of human ingenuity. As the entire world watched in awe, American astronauts stepped onto the lunar surface and planted the beautiful Stars and Stripes on the rocky soil. Our flag stood as a marker of national achievement, signaling to the entire world the unmatched might and unwavering resilience of the American spirit.

Today, my administration is building on the legacy of *Apollo 11* by reigniting the United States leadership in space and shaping the future of American space exploration. During my first term, I proudly reestablished the National Space Council and created the Space Force, making space policy a national priority and ensuring that our Nation's interests are protected beyond Earth.

Through the passage of the "One Big Beautiful Bill," we secured a historic investment in human space exploration to ensure that America's efforts in the realm of space remain innovative, efficient, and unmatched by other nations. We are refocusing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Artemis campaign returning Americans to the Moon—this time to stay—and putting the first boots on Mars. At the same time, we are expanding partnerships with the greatest aerospace companies in the world to launch rockets, build landers, and deliver advanced technology that will drive a new and unparalleled era of space exploration.

With our incredible guardians in the U.S. Space Force protecting America's interests in space, we are securing the systems that power exploration, defense, and communication. We are building strength, expanding freedom, and ensuring that the American flag remains the ultimate symbol of leadership across the final frontier.

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