

finally being rewarded. For the first time since World War II, Poland is being led by a non-Communist government.

Today, all Americans join their friends and neighbors of Polish descent in celebrating recent political reforms in Poland, for these changes represent even more than a great victory for the Polish people—they also bear witness to the power of faith and the triumph of democratic ideals.

The Congress, by Public Law 101-64, has designated October 1989 as "Polish American Heritage Month" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 1989 as Polish American Heritage Month. I urge all Americans to join their fellow citizens of Polish descent in observance of this month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Editorial note: For the President's remarks of Oct. 30, 1989, on Proclamation 6054, see the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* (vol. 25, p. 1637).

Proclamation 6055 of October 25, 1989

Country Music Month, 1989

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

With its origins in the folk songs of immigrants and workers, country music boasts a rich heritage as well as a wide audience. During Country Music Month, as we celebrate this uniquely American art form and salute the musicians and audiences who give it life, we recall a proud portion of our history and culture.

Over the years, country music has given eloquent expression to the American spirit. In its simple strains, we hear the voices of a people united by their faith, their love of freedom, and their appreciation for honesty and hard work. Yet, as varied as each of the men and women who compose it, country music also captures our Nation's ethnic and cultural diversity.

Today, country music is thriving not only in the United States, but around the world as well. Its popularity is a tribute to the generations of Americans who have graced it with their talent and vision.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 401, has designated October 1989 as "Country Music Month" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 1989 as Country Music Month.

I call on all the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6056 of October 25, 1989

National Arab-American Day, 1989

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

For decades, Arab-Americans have made valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American life: in science, medicine, education, business, culture and government. The works of many talented Arab-American artists and writers grace our museums and libraries throughout the United States. Since the first Arab immigrant came to these shores more than a century ago, men and women of Arab descent have shared with us the rich history and traditions of Arab culture.

With pride in their ethnic heritage and with great faith in the principles upon which this country was founded, Arab-Americans have added to the strength and diversity of American society. Arab-Americans occupy positions of leadership and responsibility throughout our system of government, setting a fine example of public service at the local, State, and national level.

Arab-Americans have also enriched our Nation with the quiet power of strong families and close-knit communities. Many have come to the United States in search of the blessings of peace and freedom. They have quickly seized the opportunities life in this free and democratic country affords, yet they have not forgotten their ancestral homelands. They join all Americans in the desire to bring peace and security to that troubled region. Industrious and determined, they have helped give us a more profound understanding of the rights and responsibilities we have as citizens of a free and prosperous Nation.

In recognition of the contributions of Arab-Americans, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 241, has designated October 25, 1989, as "National Arab-American Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 25, 1989, as National Arab-American Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-