

During National Tourism Week, we recognize those Americans who earn their livelihood in the travel and tourism industry and gratefully acknowledge their contributions to our Nation's economy. We also recognize the productive partnership among members of the travel and tourism industry, labor, and local, State, and Federal government officials. Most important, perhaps, National Tourism Week reminds us of the many rewards of travel and tourism, especially its role in fostering personal friendships and international understanding and cooperation.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 153, has designated the week beginning on the second Sunday in May 1990 as "National Tourism Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of that week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 13, 1990, and ending May 19, 1990, as National Tourism Week. I invite the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6130 of May 7, 1990

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, 1990

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The history of Asian and Pacific Americans in the United States is a long and honorable one. Determined to uphold America's promise of freedom and opportunity for all, generations of Asian and Pacific men and women have helped this Nation to grow and prosper. A century and a half ago, many of these Americans contributed to the economic development of the United States through their labors on the plantations of Hawaii and in the mines of California. The important role played by many Asian and Pacific Americans in the building of the first transcontinental railroad is well documented; their determination and hard work are well known. With diligent effort and abiding faith in the American Dream, Asian and Pacific Americans have steadily advanced, earning ever greater respect and admiration from their fellow citizens.

Today, men and women of Asian and Pacific ancestry continue to make many important contributions to our Nation. In science, commerce, education, and the arts, Asian and Pacific Americans are not only sharing with us their unique talents and ideas, but also setting high standards of achievement. For example, through their commitment to academic excellence and their superlative accomplishments in many areas of study, Asian and Pacific American students have provided a model for the Nation.

Time and again throughout our Nation's history, Asian and Pacific Americans have demonstrated their dedication to ideals upon which the United States is founded. In times of war and in times of peace, they have faithfully defended the principles of freedom and representative government. They have worked for the advancement of human rights and democratic ideals around the world, and they have promoted greater appreciation for our system of self-government here at home.

This month, all Americans join with our neighbors of Asian and Pacific descent as they celebrate the unique customs and traditions of their ancestral homelands. These customs and traditions have deeply enriched the wonderful heritage we share as a Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE 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 the month of May 1990 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, 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 May 7, 1990, on signing Proclamation 6130, see the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* (vol. 26, p. 730).

Proclamation 6131 of May 8, 1990

Small Business Week, 1990

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

We often think of pioneers as those hardy settlers who tamed the American frontier, or as those heroic individuals who have made extraordinary advances in scientific research and space exploration. However, small business people also stand among our Nation's greatest pioneers. They, too, are men and women of vision. They, too, have the courage to take risks and the willingness to make their ideas work. Industrious and self-reliant, small business men and women continually lead the way in the development of new technology and products and in the creation of economic opportunity for all Americans.

Indeed, small business is the lifeblood of America's free enterprise system. It is within this vital sector of our economy that most workers find their first jobs and training. Small businesses account for two out of every three new jobs created in the United States. The creative, hardworking men and women who own and operate small businesses have demonstrated clearly how private initiative and free-market principles hold the key to success for individuals and nations.