

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK—1931

August 5, 1931.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

National Fire Pre-
vention Week.
Preamble.

It has become customary for the President of the United States to request an annual observance of Fire Prevention Week throughout the nation to stimulate the interest and cooperation of officials, organizations, and citizens in diminishing the losses of life and property from fire.

Last year fires in the United States caused a direct property loss estimated at nearly \$500,000,000, an increase of \$40,000,000 over 1929. These direct losses affected home owners, farmers, business men, and workingmen. There were many more millions of indirect losses in rentals, broken contracts, unemployment, and interruption to business.

Deaths and injuries to men, women, and children exceeded 35,000 in 1930. The majority of the losses of life and property were the result of carelessness and lack of preventive measures.

The purpose of National Fire Prevention Week is to focus attention on the hazards of fire and to promote preventive measures to reduce this devastating waste.

Week of October 4,
1931, designated as.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HERBERT HOOVER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of October 4, 1931, to be observed as Fire Prevention Week and earnestly solicit the assistance of each citizen to help lessen the loss and needless waste and suffering from fires which are largely preventable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 5th day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and of [SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-sixth.

HERBERT HOOVER

By the President:

W. R. CASTLE, Jr

Acting Secretary of State.

[No. 1962]

EXEMPTION OF VIRGIN ISLANDS FROM COASTWISE LAWS

August 19, 1931.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Virgin Islands.
Preamble.

WHEREAS an act of Congress entitled "Merchant Marine Act, 1920," approved June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 988), contained the following provisions:

Statutory provisions.
Vol. 41, p. 997.
U. S. C., p. 1541.

"SEC. 21. That from and after February 1, 1922, the coastwise laws of the United States shall extend to the island Territories and possessions of the United States not now covered thereby, and the board is directed prior to the expiration of such year to have established adequate steamship service at reasonable rates to accommodate the commerce and the passenger travel of said islands and to maintain and operate such service until it can be taken over and operated and maintained upon satisfactory terms by private capital and enterprise:

Provided, That if adequate shipping service is not established by February 1, 1922, the President shall extend the period herein allowed for the establishment of such service in the case of any island Territory or possession for such time as may be necessary for the establishment of adequate shipping facilities therefor."

Precise.
Extensions author-
ized.

AND WHEREAS an adequate shipping service to accommodate the commerce and the passenger travel of the Virgin Islands has not been established as provided by section 21 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920; and

WHEREAS the President of the United States, in accordance with the authority vested in him by section 21 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, has from time to time, to wit, on February 1, 1922, on May 18, 1922, on October 28, 1922, on October 25, 1923, on April 7, 1924, on October 23, 1924, on April 25, 1925, on November 24, 1925, on August 14, 1926, on August 9, 1927, on August 2, 1928, on July 26, 1929, and on July 28, 1930, issued proclamations extending the time for the establishment of such service and deferring the application of the coastwise laws to the Virgin Islands until September 30, 1931;

Vol. 42, pp. 2261,
2269, 2287; Vol. 43, pp.
1928, 1943, 1969; Vol. 44,
pp. 2575, 2592, 2620;
Vol. 45, pp. 2920, 2960;
Vol. 46, pp. 3002, 3032.
Post, p. 2528.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HERBERT HOOVER, President of the United States of America, acting under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by section 21 of the above-mentioned act, do hereby declare and proclaim that the period for the establishment of an adequate shipping service with the aforesaid Virgin Islands be further extended from September 30, 1931, to September 30, 1932;

Time for establishing
shipping service to,
further extended to
September 30, 1932.

And inasmuch as the extension of the coastwise laws of the United States to the Virgin Islands, as provided in section 21 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, is dependent upon the establishment of an adequate shipping service to such island possession, I do hereby further proclaim and declare that the extension of the coastwise laws of the United States to the Virgin Islands is deferred from September 30, 1931, to September 30, 1932.

Application of coast-
wise laws deferred.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 19 day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and of the
[SEAL] Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-sixth.

HERBERT HOOVER

By the President:

W. R. CASTLE, Jr

Acting Secretary of State.

[No. 1963]

OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST—ARKANSAS AND OKLAHOMA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

August 19, 1931.

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the United States of America has acquired title under authority of the act of March 1, 1911 (36 Stat. 962; U. S. Code, title 16, sec. 516), as amended by the act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 654; U. S. Code, title 16, sec. 515), to certain lands in the States of Arkansas and Oklahoma; and

Ouachita National
Forest, Ark. and Okla.
Preamble.
Vol. 36, p. 962; Vol.
43, pp. 654, 1215.
U. S. C., p. 424.