

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to observe Thursday, May 22, 1952, as National Maritime Day by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes or other suitable places, and direct the appropriate officials of the Government to arrange for the display of the flag on all Government buildings on that day. I also request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day in honor of our Merchant Marine.

National Maritime  
Day, 1952.

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

DONE at the City of Washington this 30th day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-sixth.

HARRY S TRUMAN

By the President:

DEAN ACHESON

*Secretary of State.*

#### OLYMPIC WEEK, 1952

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

May 16, 1952  
[No. 2976]

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, by a joint resolution approved this day, the Congress has noted that "the XVth Olympic Games of the modern era will be held at Helsinki, Finland, from July 19 through August 3, 1952" and that "experiences afforded by the Olympic Games make a unique contribution to common understanding and mutual respect among all peoples"; and

*Ante, p. 73.*

WHEREAS the joint resolution declares further that "the United States Olympic Association, an organization not for pecuniary profit or gain, its activities being wholly supported by the public, is now making an appeal for the sum of \$850,000, necessary to equip, transport, feed, house, and present in competition over four hundred amateur athletes from all classes of our society and all parts of our country to represent the United States in the 1952 Olympic Games"; and

WHEREAS the joint resolution accordingly authorizes and requests the President to issue a proclamation "designating the seven-day period beginning May 18, 1952, as Olympic Week and urging all citizens of our country to contribute as generously as possible to insure that the United States will be fully and adequately represented in the XVth Olympic Games";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the seven days beginning Sunday, May 18, 1952, as Olympic Week, and I urge our people to respond with generosity to the appeal of the United States Olympic Association for funds with which to defray the expenses incident to the participation of our athletes in this classic international competition.

Olympic Week,  
1952.

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

DONE at the City of Washington this 16th day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and of [SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-sixth.

HARRY S TRUMAN

By the President:

DEAN ACHESON

*Secretary of State*

### FLAG DAY, 1952

May 28, 1952  
[No. 2977]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS June 14, 1952, marks the 175th anniversary of the adoption of the flag of the United States by the Continental Congress; and

WHEREAS people of many national origins and religious beliefs have found refuge from oppression and an opportunity for a better life under this beloved standard; and

WHEREAS this flag is not only a symbol of freedom cherished by all Americans, but also an emblem of hope to millions of people dominated by ruthless dictatorships or living under oppressive economic conditions; and

WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved August 3, 1949 (63 Stat. 492), has designated June 14 of each year as Flag Day, in commemoration of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes on June 14, 1777, as our national flag:

Flag Day, 1952.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby direct that the flag be displayed on all Government buildings on Saturday, June 14, 1952, and I call upon the people of the Nation to observe that day by suitable ceremonies, including the display of the flag at their homes and other appropriate places.

I also urge all our citizens to give special thought on Flag Day not only to their many rights and privileges but also to their duties and responsibilities under our national ensign, to the end that we may rededicate ourselves on that day to the principles of freedom and justice for which this Nation and its flag have always stood.

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

DONE at the City of Washington this 28th day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and of the [SEAL] Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-sixth.

HARRY S TRUMAN

By the President:

DAVID BRUCE

*Acting Secretary of State.*