

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 4th day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of [SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-ninth.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:

JOHN FOSTER DULLES,
Secretary of State.

VETERANS DAY, 1954

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it has long been our custom to commemorate November 11, the anniversary of the ending of World War I, by paying tribute to the heroes of that tragic struggle and by rededicating ourselves to the cause of peace; and

WHEREAS in the intervening years the United States has been involved in two other great military conflicts, which have added millions of veterans living and dead to the honor rolls of this Nation; and

WHEREAS the Congress passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926 (44 Stat. 1982), calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies, and later provided in an act approved May 13, 1938 (52 Stat. 351), that the eleventh of November should be a legal holiday and should be known as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, in order to expand the significance of that commemoration and in order that a grateful Nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this Nation, the Congress, by an act approved June 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 168), changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon all of our citizens to observe Thursday, November 11, 1954, as Veterans Day. On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain. I also direct the appropriate officials of the Government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on all public buildings on Veterans Day.

In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible.

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Veterans Day, 1954.

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DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:

JOHN FOSTER DULLES,
Secretary of State.

NATIONAL NURSE WEEK

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

October 8, 1954
[No. 3072]

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS this autumn marks the one hundredth anniversary of Florence Nightingale's historic contribution to the cause of nursing by her heroic leadership in alleviating human suffering in the Crimea; and

WHEREAS a continuing renewal and extension of the ranks of nurses, through the attraction of young people to the nursing profession, is of grave importance to the Nation's future well-being; and

WHEREAS the support of an informed and sympathetic public is essential to progress in the humanitarian efforts of our nurses; and

WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved August 23, 1954, 68 Stat. 766, has designated the period beginning October 11, 1954, and ending October 16, 1954, as National Nurse Week, in honor of the professional nurses of America and in recognition of the vitally important service they have rendered in the promotion of the national health and welfare; and

WHEREAS the Congress, in the same resolution, has requested the President to issue a proclamation calling upon all the people of the United States to cooperate in the observance of that week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon all citizens to observe the period beginning Monday, October 11, 1954, and ending Saturday, October 16, 1954, as National Nurse Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

National Nurse
Week, 1954.

I also invite the Governors of the States, Territories, and possessions of the United States to issue similar proclamations, and I urge the medical profession, the press, and the radio and television industries, as well as other interested groups, to unite in public tribute to all those who give nursing care. And I call upon the people generally to express their appreciation of the untiring efforts of our nurses in caring for the health needs of the people of this Nation.

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