

to grow closer and stronger as a result of both the increasing dangers and constructive opportunities of our modern age; and

WHEREAS in our own uncertain world Columbus' courage and strength of conviction inspire us as we work toward world community among all nations based upon the principles of a lasting peace, freedom, justice, and the dignity of man; and

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, in recognition of our indebtedness to Christopher Columbus, by a joint resolution approved April 30, 1934 (48 Stat. 657), has requested the President to issue a proclamation designating October 12 of each year as Columbus Day:

36 USC 146.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Friday, October 12, 1962, as Columbus Day.

I direct the appropriate officers of the Federal Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day; and I request the appropriate officers of the State and local governments likewise to display the flag on that day.

I also invite the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies in honor of the memory of Christopher Columbus and his daring achievement.

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 third day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-two, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-seventh.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3499

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK, 1962

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

October 9, 1962

WHEREAS the National School Lunch Act was enacted, as a measure of national security, to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's children and to encourage the domestic consumption of nutritious agricultural commodities and other food, by assisting the States, through grants-in-aid and other means, in providing an adequate supply of foods and other facilities for the establishment, maintenance, operation, and expansion of nonprofit school-lunch programs; and

60 Stat. 230.
42 USC 1751
note.

WHEREAS the school-lunch program is essentially a community effort, depending on the interest and support of every citizen; and

WHEREAS, in order to encourage our citizens and civic groups to lend assistance to the school-lunch program, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved October 9, 1962, has designated the seven-day period beginning on the second Sunday of October in each year as National School Lunch Week, and has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for the observance of that week:

Ante, p. 779.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the people of the United States to observe the week beginning October 14, 1962, as National School Lunch Week, with ceremonies and activities designed to encourage our citizens and civic groups to extend every effort in support of the school-lunch program.

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 ninth day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-two, and of [SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-seventh.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3500

PROVIDING FURTHER FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION

October 9, 1962

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS September 17, 1962, marked the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States; and

Ante, p. 757.

WHEREAS the Congress, by joint resolution of July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 508, as amended by Senate Joint Resolution 60, approved October 9, 1962, provided for a comprehensive national observance of this anniversary; and

Ante, p. 1462.

WHEREAS by Proclamation No. 3464 of April 5, 1962, I designated the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1962, as Constitution Week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States, acting in accord with Senate Joint Resolution 60, do hereby further designate the period from September 17, 1962, to July 4, 1963, inclusive, as a period dedicated to a renewal of national awareness of the priceless heritage which the Constitution represents; and I call upon the people of the United States during that period to engage in such educational and inspirational activities as will deepen their understanding of the Constitution and strengthen their devotion to it.

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 ninth day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-two, and of [SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-seventh.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.