

Proclamation 3610**LEIF ERIKSON DAY, 1964****By the President of the United States of America****A Proclamation**

WHEREAS Leif Erikson, Norseman, son of Erik the Red and great seafarer, in the year 1000 valiantly explored the shores of the American Continent; and

WHEREAS the intrepid exploits of the Vikings of Erikson's time strike a responsive chord in the hearts of all the American people, who as a nation are today embarked upon an adventurous exploration of the unfathomed realms of space; and

WHEREAS many of our citizens of Scandinavian descent take inspiration from and annually celebrate Leif Erikson's momentous voyage; and

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States by a joint resolution approved September 2, 1964, has authorized the President of the United States to proclaim October 9 in each year as Leif Erikson Day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Friday, October 9, 1964, as Leif Erikson Day and direct Government officials to display the flag on all Government buildings on that day. Further, I invite the people of the United States to honor on that day the memory of Leif Erikson by holding appropriate exercises and ceremonies in schools and churches, or other suitable places.

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

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

September 2, 1964

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Proclamation 3611**NATIONAL EMPLOY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WEEK, 1964****By the President of the United States of America****A Proclamation**

During the last year of World War II the Congress called for the first observance of National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. It is a mark of our esteem for all humanity, and a testimonial of our faith in individual worth, that we have continued this purposeful observance in each succeeding year.

The intervening years have seen our Nation enjoying an ever-expanding economy as we have moved swiftly toward the promise of an ever greater society. During this era the natural barriers of sound

September 4, 1964