

for this Nation in this and all other struggles, and for His aid in building a world where freedom and justice prevail, and where all men live in friendship, understanding, and peace.

Ante, p. 1718.

By House Concurrent Resolution 587, the Eighty-ninth Congress has officially recognized that the patriotic tradition of observing Memorial Day began one hundred years ago in Waterloo, New York. In conformity with the request contained in that concurrent resolution, it is my privilege to call attention to the centennial observance of Memorial Day in Waterloo, New York, on May 30, 1966.

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 twenty-sixth day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-six, [SEAL] and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninetieth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3728

FLAG DAY AND NATIONAL FLAG WEEK, 1966

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress adopted as the flag of the United States a banner of 13 stripes of alternating red and white, and 13 white stars on a blue field.

That banner was the symbol of a new nation with an intense love of freedom and a belief in the worth and dignity of the individual.

The design of our flag has changed from time to time to reflect the growth and expansion of our Nation—but the meaning behind the flag has not changed.

The American flag still stands for a Nation dedicated to the principles of liberty, justice, and equality under law.

It still symbolizes the heroism and sacrifice of Americans in defense of those principles.

It still symbolizes hope and promise to the oppressed peoples of the world.

The day on which our flag was adopted has a special significance for all of us. For this reason the Congress, by the Joint Resolution of August 3, 1949 (63 Stat. 492), designated June 14 of each year as Flag Day and requested the President to issue a proclamation calling for its observance. In order to further extend the opportunities of all Americans to observe and honor this historic occasion, the Congress by a joint resolution of June 9, 1966, has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week, and calling upon all citizens to display the Flag of the United States on those days.

June 9, 1966

36 USC 157.

Ante, p. 194.
36 USC 157a.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning June 12, 1966, as National Flag Week.

I direct the appropriate Government officials to display the Flag of the United States on all Government buildings during that week; and I request the people of the United States to observe Flag Day and National Flag Week by flying the Stars and Stripes at their homes and other suitable places.

Let us remind ourselves on Flag Day and throughout National Flag Week that the rights and freedoms which we have so long enjoyed under our national flag must be nourished and protected. Let us resolve always to conduct ourselves, at home and abroad, in keeping with the lofty principles for which our flag stands—to the end that freedom and understanding will be encouraged among all people and all nations of the world.

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 June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-six, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninetieth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

GEORGE W. BALL,
Acting Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3729

GAS INDUSTRY WEEK

By the President of the United States of America

June 15, 1966

A Proclamation

The abundant life and well-being of millions of Americans are directly related to the bounty of natural resources with which this Nation has been so generously endowed.

The depths of our American continent have yielded up great treasures of mineral resources, and enormous industries have developed to guarantee a maximum of public benefit from this mineral wealth.

It has been one hundred and fifty years since the first gas company was founded in Baltimore, Maryland, on June 13, 1816. Since that early beginning this dynamic industry has become the sixth largest industry in the United States. It has developed an intricate web of underground pipelines extending three quarters of a million miles and delivering the heat, light, and power benefits of the American gas industry to its thirty-six and a half million customers.

To call public attention to the contributions which the gas industry has made toward the health and well-being of our people, the Eighty-ninth Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 160, has designated the period beginning June 13 and ending June 19, 1966, as Gas Industry Week, and has requested the President to issue a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance.

Ante, p. 201.