

—contributed abundantly to United Nations humanitarian activities, and to its programs of economic and social development.

The successful negotiation of a treaty banning weapons of mass destruction from outer space is an outstanding recent example of our support for the UN's work.

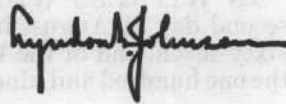
The United Nations has no magic formula for solving the increasingly complex problems of our revolutionary age. Its failures have disheartened those who saw in it the only hope for peace in a world torn by strife. Yet despite those failures, it has achieved much that could not have been achieved without it. It remains the symbol, and the standard, of man's desire to turn away from ancient quarrels and make peace with his neighbor.

I urge Americans to study the United Nations—its accomplishments, its strengths, its limitations, and its potential for the future. Broad public knowledge of the United Nations can provide a firm base for future United States action in the organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 24, 1967, as United Nations Day, and urge the citizens of this Nation to observe that day by means of community programs that will contribute to a realistic understanding of the aims, problems, and achievements of the United Nations and its associated organizations.

I also call upon officials of the Federal and State Governments and upon local officials to encourage citizen groups and agencies of communication—press, radio, television, and motion pictures—to engage in special and appropriate observance of United Nations Day this year in cooperation with the United Nations Association of the United States of America and other interested organizations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of August in the year of our Lord Nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-second.



PROCLAMATION 3798

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, 1967

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Every day, destructive fires bring tragedy and loss to some American families. Every year the human toll of fire exceeds 10,000 lives. In 1966, more than twice as many Americans were killed by fire than on the battlefields of Vietnam.

The dollar damage from fire increases every year. Last year, almost \$2 billion worth of property was destroyed in flame and smoke.

These are grievous statistics. They represent sorrow and suffering and financial hardship which need not have happened. For fire's final, bitter irony is that most of it is avoidable. Most fires are caused by carelessness or by hazardous conditions which could be corrected.

It is imperative that the United States undertake a massive program to perfect its knowledge of, and its protection against, the havoc of fire.

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For this reason, I have asked the Congress to enact the Fire Research and Safety Act of 1967, which will:

- Improve our information about the causes and costs of fire.
- Develop better fire fighting and fire prevention techniques.
- Support community efforts to improve their fire control programs.
- Expand public education in the prevention of fires.

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I have also asked the Congress to enact amendments to the Flammable Fabrics Act, which will enable us to help save the thousands who die each year because of flammable and explosive clothing and interior furnishings.

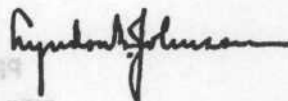
This legislation will strengthen America's efforts to reduce the senseless repetition of destruction that fire inflicts on our Nation.

But in the final analysis, fire prevention can succeed only at the community level. Local efforts must make every citizen aware of his personal responsibility for removing fire hazards and reforming the habits that cause fires.

Recognizing the importance of those efforts, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning October 8, 1967, as Fire Prevention Week.

I bid all citizens earnestly to support the fire prevention and control efforts of their community fire departments. I urge State and local governments, the National Fire Protection Association, business and civic groups, and public information agencies to observe Fire Prevention Week, to provide useful fire safety information to the public, and to enlist the active participation of all citizens in year-round fire prevention programs. I also direct the Federal Fire Council and the appropriate Federal agencies to assist in this effort to reduce the needless waste of life and property caused by preventable fires.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of August in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-second.



Proclamation 3799

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK, 1967

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The future of America is written on school blackboards and in student notebooks. The quality of thought in our classrooms today will determine the quality of our lives a generation hence.

This year more Americans are in school than ever before in our history. Three out of every ten are occupied—as students or teachers—in the process of education.

Thirty-seven million children—1.4 percent more than last year—are enrolled in elementary schools. High school enrollments are up 3

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