

Proclamation 3936**VETERANS DAY, 1969****By the President of the United States of America**September 24, 1969**A Proclamation**

From Valley Forge to Vietnam, American servicemen have responded to their nation's call to duty.

That call has often led to loneliness, hardship, danger—and, for some, death. In response to that call, American servicemen have acted with unsurpassed valor and devotion and have demonstrated to enemies of freedom all over the world that free men and women will defend the principles of a free society.

After each war or conflict, these dedicated Americans who performed so valiantly as servicemen have returned to build a stronger country. Today there are approximately 27 million American veterans. Their contribution to our nation, in war and peace, has been invaluable.

To acknowledge the respect and admiration we have for our veterans, the Congress has designated November 11 to be a legal holiday and to be known as Veterans Day, and has dedicated it to the cause of world peace (Act of May 13, 1938, 52 Stat. 351, as amended (5 U.S.C. 6103)).

82 Stat. 250.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, urge the people of this nation to join in commemorating Tuesday, November 11, 1969, as Veterans Day with suitable observances.

I direct the appropriate officials of the government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on all public buildings on that day; and I request the officials of Federal, State, and local governments, and civic and patriotic organizations, to give their enthusiastic leadership and support to appropriate public ceremonies throughout the nation.

I urge all citizens of every age to participate in these observances in honor of those men who have preserved our Union and our freedom. I ask that special prayers for peace be offered for our men still involved in defending the inalienable right of liberty; and for those whose memory we honor with a star of gold, let us pause in silent tribute on this Veterans Day, praying that they did not die in vain and that their sacrifices will bring us peace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fourth.


Proclamation 3937**NATIONAL ADULT-YOUTH COMMUNICATIONS WEEK****By the President of the United States of America**September 25, 1969**A Proclamation**

The men who adopted and ultimately signed the Declaration of Independence were a varied group. Lawyers, planters, physicians,

farmers, merchants, politicians—their backgrounds were as different as their love of liberty was unanimous. What is perhaps even more significant than the differences in their backgrounds was the differences in their ages: three were under thirty, twenty were under forty, seven were sixty or older. The committee assigned to draft the Declaration included one of the youngest—Thomas Jefferson—and the oldest—Benjamin Franklin.

These brave men did not hold that only those in a certain age group were gifted enough to join their struggle. Each man was judged not on how old he was but on how strongly he was committed to liberty. These men debated and questioned each other as equals, because each shared the love of freedom that knows no boundary of age.

The spirit of the signers of the Declaration of Independence is needed in our nation more than ever before. Young and old, we are all Americans, and if we are to remain free we must talk to each other, listen to each other, young and old alike, in the interest of freedom.

To encourage and stimulate better communication between our citizens of different generations, the Congress by House Joint Resolution 614, has requested the President to proclaim the period from September 28, 1969, through October 4, 1969, as National Adult-Youth Communications Week.

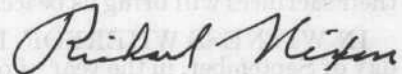
Ante, p. 115.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the period from September 28 through October 4, 1969, as National Adult-Youth Communications Week.

I call upon the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities designed to encourage cooperation—especially through the communication of ideas—between persons of different generations.

In particular, I urge all American families to foster in their homes that atmosphere of mutual trust and understanding on which human happiness and dignity depend.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fourth.



Proclamation 3938

CHILD HEALTH DAY, 1969

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Most Americans today are striving to build a better world, where men can live in peace and share the benefits derived from modern advances in science and technology.

To the extent that we succeed in this effort, we will pass on to our children a brighter future as individuals, as families, and as a nation.

But the health of some of our children will prevent them from sharing fully in this future. For examples, more than ten million

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