

Now, more than nine hundred years later, we must summon those same qualities to aid us in meeting the challenges of this world and exploring the unknown of outer space. It is most appropriate that we give national recognition to Leif Erikson, and I am happy to comply with the request of the Congress of the United States, in a joint resolution approved September 2, 1964 (78 Stat. 849), that the President proclaim October 9 in each year as Leif Erikson Day.

36 USC 169c.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Monday, October 9, 1972, as Leif Erikson Day; and I direct the appropriate Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings that day.

I also invite the people of the United States to honor the memory of Leif Erikson on that day by holding appropriate exercises and ceremonies in suitable places across our land.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4147

Women's Rights Day

By the President of the United States of America

August 26, 1972

A Proclamation

Fifty-two years ago the Secretary of State issued a proclamation declaring the addition of the Nineteenth Amendment to our Constitution. That act marked the culmination of a long struggle by the women of this country to achieve the basic right to participate in our electoral process.

41 Stat. 1823.

As significant as the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment was, it was not cause for ending women's efforts to achieve their full rights in our society. Rather, it brought an increased awareness of other rights not yet realized.

In recent years there have been great strides in extending the protection of the law to the rights of women, and in promoting equal opportunities for women. Today more women than ever before serve in policy-making

positions in the executive branch of our Government. Throughout the Nation, in State and local government and in the private sphere women are playing a more active role.

Although every woman may not desire a career outside the home, every woman should have the freedom to pursue whatever career she wishes. Although women today have a greater opportunity to do that, we still must do more to ensure women every opportunity to make the fullest contribution to our progress as a Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Saturday, August 26, 1972, as Women's Rights Day and call upon all our citizens and particularly those organizations concerned with the protection of human rights to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4148

Farmfest, U.S.A., 1972

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Farmfest, U.S.A., an exposition to be held near Vernon Center, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, from September 11 through September 17, 1972, will depict the story of agricultural progress and will feature numerous displays and demonstrations focusing on how our farmers help to feed America and the world.

As part of the weeklong festival, the United States will host the Nineteenth Annual World Ploughing Contest. Homage will be paid to the humble plough, the oldest known tillage tool and worldwide symbol of agriculture, through ploughing matches which represent an agricultural tradition of more than two centuries. They will help to dramatize the advances in farming from days of hard manual labor and animal power to our vast technological capacities.

Farmfest, U.S.A. and the 1972 World Ploughing Contest will provide an appropriate opportunity to salute worldwide agriculture and will promote foreign and domestic trade and commerce in farm commodities.

August 28, 1972