

Proclamation 4506

June 9, 1977

National Safe Boating Week, 1977*By the President of the United States of America***A Proclamation**

This year, more Americans than ever before will enjoy the challenges and pleasures of boating on our country's lakes, rivers, and coastal waters. If they take time to learn the fundamentals of boating safety, needless tragedy can be avoided.

In recognition of the growth in recreational boating, and of our continuing need to promote safety on our waterways, the Congress has by joint resolution of June 4, 1958 (72 Stat. 179, 36 U.S.C. 161) requested the President to proclaim the week of July 4 each year as National Safe Boating Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning July 3, 1977, as National Safe Boating Week.

I urge everyone who participates in boating on American waterways to learn the basic rules of safety. This information is readily available in courses offered by such organizations as the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the United States Power Squadrons, the American Red Cross, and by various agencies of state governments.

I also invite the Governors of the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, to provide appropriately for the observance of the Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4507

June 10, 1977

Black Press Day, 1977*By the President of the United States of America***A Proclamation**

The Nation's first black newspaper was founded in 1827. In the 150 years since, the black press has come to serve more than 25,000,000 Americans, and has been a major factor in their advancement.

The black press has had to overcome great obstacles to achieve the respect it commands today as a voice for individual freedom, dignity, and equality.

That it has done so, while remaining faithful to the standards of professional journalism, is a tribute to the dedication, responsibility and zeal of its members.

As we go forward with our efforts to make equality of opportunity a reality for all Americans, we will continue to depend on the black press to provide us with guidance, insight and wisdom.

I urge every American to support the continuing efforts of the black press to help assure that America achieves its full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 17, 1977, as Black Press Day. I urge all Americans to reflect upon the contributions of the black press to the realization of the principles upon which our Nation was founded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4508

June 11, 1977

Flag Day and National Flag Week, 1977

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Two hundred years ago, on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

In these two centuries our Nation has changed in many ways, but our flag remains an appropriate symbol of America. Its bold colors reflect the courage and determination of the American people, as its straight and simple lines reflect their straightforward character.

In celebrating this two hundredth anniversary let us resolve to honor our country's flag by displaying in our lives the qualities it reflects.

To commemorate the adoption of our Nation's flag, the Congress, by joint resolution of August 3, 1949 (63 Stat. 492, 36 U.S.C. 157), has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance. By joint resolution of June 9, 1966 (80 Stat. 194, 36 U.S.C. 157a), the Congress also requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the week which includes June 14 as National Flag Week.

To encourage the American people to take pride in the Nation which that flag symbolizes, the Congress, by joint resolution of June 13, 1975 (89 Stat. 211, 36 U.S.C. 157b), has declared the twenty-one days from Flag Day through Independence Day as a period to honor America.