

each other. Their success in achieving these goals is due in large measure to the Organization of American States, the world's oldest regional organization.

Through the Organization of American States we in the Western Hemisphere have developed a unique system of cooperation which promotes political understanding, economic progress and social justice. An organization of great vitality and adaptability, it is now responding vigorously to the new challenges of the last quarter of the twentieth century. For these reasons, the United States continues, and will continue, to lend its full support to the Organization of American States and the Inter-American System. Accordingly, it is appropriate that we join with its other members in reaffirming our mutual commitment to friendship, trust and cooperation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 14, 1978, as Pan American Day, and the week beginning April 9, 1978 as Pan American Week and call upon all Americans to honor these observances with ceremonies and activities that will reflect the continuing commitment of the United States of America to a peaceful and productive relationship among the nations and peoples of the Western Hemisphere.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and second.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4558

March 27, 1978

Sun Day, 1978

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Today the need to develop and expand renewable energy sources that can provide heating, cooling and power for homes, farms and factories is greater than at any other time in our Nation's history. For this reason, Americans are seeking ways of using the sun as an inexhaustible source of clean energy.

The Federal government and private organizations are working on programs to improve solar technology and encourage greater use of this safe, environmentally acceptable energy source. Our success, however, will depend upon an informed and involved public.

In order to inform the general public, industry and labor about solar technologies and to demonstrate the sun's potential in meeting America's energy needs, the Ninety-fifth Congress has adopted a joint resolution (H.J. Res. 715) designating Wednesday, May 3, 1978, as Sun Day and calling upon the President to issue a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 3, 1978, as Sun Day and call upon the American people to observe that day with appropriate activities and ceremonies that will demonstrate the potential of solar energy. I direct all appropriate Federal agencies to support this national observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and second.

JIMMY CARTER