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Proclamation 8146—National Hurricane Preparedness Week, 2007

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By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Each year, millions of Americans living in coastal areas are faced with the hazards of hurricanes. As hurricane season approaches, National Hurricane Preparedness Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of steps that can be taken to help protect our citizens, and their communities and property.

Hurricanes can be devastatingly powerful and include storm surge, high winds, tornadoes, and flooding. To reduce the potentially deadly effects of these storms, it is imperative for people in hurricane-prone areas to prepare for each type of hurricane hazard. Taking the time to develop a family disaster plan, create a disaster supply kit, and stay aware of current weather situations can improve preparedness and help save lives.

My Administration is committed to strengthening our Nation's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from these types of disasters. I've asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to find ways to provide better assistance to those affected by catastrophe. FEMA has enhanced coordination between all levels of government during times of crisis and, along with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, is helping raise awareness about the dangers of hurricanes. In addition, the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA provide Americans with important emergency preparation checklists and valuable resources about what to do after a disaster at ready.gov and fema.gov. By working together, citizens and Federal, State, local, and tribal officials can help safeguard lives and protect property.

Throughout the hurricane season, we are also grateful for the compassion, courage, and generosity of the volunteers and first responders who stand ready to help their neighbors in need. Their good hearts reflect the character of our Nation.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 20 through May 26, 2007, as National Hurricane Preparedness Week. I call upon government agencies, private organizations, schools, and the media to share information about hurricane preparedness. I also urge all Americans living in vulnerable coastal areas of our Nation to take appropriate measures and precautions to protect themselves against the effects of hurricanes.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on May 23.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

May 13

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Williamsburg, VA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Angela Schminke. Later, he and Mrs. Bush toured the Jamestown settlement.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

May 14

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister

Shinzo Abe of Japan. He then had an intelligence briefing

May 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elizabeth A. Duke, Larry Allan Klane, and Randall S. Kroszner to be members of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ronald Spoehel to be Chief Financial Officer of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Miguel Campaneria to be a member of the National Council on the Arts.

May 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he went to the Embassy Suites Washington D.C.–Convention Center hotel where he participated in a demonstration of Basic Pilot and the Employment Eligibility Verification system.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in an interview with Rebekah Wade of the Sun.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and Mrs. Bush welcomed Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom. Later, in the Yellow Oval Room, they had dinner.

The President announced that he has named William L. Behrens as Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Jedd Medefind as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

The President announced that he has named Jason Thomas as Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy in the National Economic Council.

The President declared a major disaster in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and inland and coastal flooding on April 15–25.

May 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Situation Room, the President, Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom, and members of the National Security Council participated in a video teleconference with leaders in Iraq. Later, in the Oval Office, the President met with Prime Minister Blair.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas P. D'Agostino to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security (Administrator for Nuclear Security, National Nuclear Security Administration) at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles W. Grim to be Director of the Indian Health Service for the Public Health Service at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric G. John to be Ambassador to Thailand.

May 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with a member of AmeriCorps. Later, he participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony honoring the completion of renovation of the Situation Room.

In the afternoon, in the East Room, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the 2006 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Richmond, VA, where, at a private residence, they attended a Republican Party of Virginia reception.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Crawford, TX.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted May 16

Andrew G. Biggs,
of New York, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for a term expiring January 19, 2013, vice James B. Lockhart III, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Miguel Campaneria,
of Puerto Rico, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012, vice Gerard Schwarz, term expired.

Lorne W. Craner,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of 3 years (new position).

Susan E. Dudley,
of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, vice John D. Graham, resigned, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Elizabeth A. Duke,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of 14 years from February 1, 1998, vice Susan Schmidt Bies, resigned.

Larry Allan Klane,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of 14 years from February 1, 1996, vice Mark W. Olson, resigned.

Randall S. Kroszner,
of New Jersey, to a be member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of 14 years from February 1, 2008 (reappointment).

Alan J. Patricof,
of New York, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of 3 years (new position).

Carol Waller Pope,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term expiring July 1, 2009 (reappointment), to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Ronald Spoehel,
of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, vice Gwendolyn Brown, resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released May 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Transcript of a teleconference press briefing by Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters, Secretary of Agriculture Michael Johanns, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Stephen L. Johnson, Deputy Secretary of Energy Clay Sell, and Deputy Press Secretary Scott M. Stanzel on the President's announcement on CAFE and alternative fuel standards

Fact sheet: Twenty in Ten: Strengthening Energy Security and Addressing Climate Change

Released May 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Fact sheet: Lieutenant General Douglas E. Lute: Experience and Authority

Released May 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow