

**Proclamation 3497****OBSTRUCTIONS OF JUSTICE IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI****By the President of the United States of America****A Proclamation**September 30, 1962

WHEREAS the Governor of the State of Mississippi and certain law enforcement officers and other officials of that State, and other persons, individually and in unlawful assemblies, combinations and conspiracies, have been and are willfully opposing and obstructing the enforcement of orders entered by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; and

WHEREAS such unlawful assemblies, combinations and conspiracies oppose and obstruct the execution of the laws of the United States, impede the course of justice under those laws and make it impracticable to enforce those laws in the State of Mississippi by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings; and

WHEREAS I have expressly called the attention of the Governor of Mississippi to the perilous situation that exists and to his duties in the premises, and have requested but have not received from him adequate assurances that the orders of the courts of the United States will be obeyed and that law and order will be maintained:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including Chapter 15 of Title 10 of the United States Code, particularly sections 332, 333 and 334 thereof, do command all persons engaged in such obstructions of justice to cease and desist therefrom and to disperse and retire peaceably forthwith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 30th day of September in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-two, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-seventh.

**JOHN F. KENNEDY**

By the President:

**GEORGE W. BALL,**  
*Acting Secretary of State.*

**Proclamation 3498****COLUMBUS DAY, 1962****By the President of the United States of America****A Proclamation**October 3, 1962

WHEREAS four hundred and seventy years ago Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain into an unknown sea on a voyage to increase the opportunities for commerce and on October 12, 1492, sighted the land of a new world; and

WHEREAS his westward course was followed by millions of others from the Old World who came with the same enterprising spirit to build this Nation and other nations in this hemisphere, and to create an indestructible bond between the two hemispheres which continues

to grow closer and stronger as a result of both the increasing dangers and constructive opportunities of our modern age; and

WHEREAS in our own uncertain world Columbus' courage and strength of conviction inspire us as we work toward world community among all nations based upon the principles of a lasting peace, freedom, justice, and the dignity of man; and

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, in recognition of our indebtedness to Christopher Columbus, by a joint resolution approved April 30, 1934 (48 Stat. 657), has requested the President to issue a proclamation designating October 12 of each year as Columbus Day:

36 USC 146.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Friday, October 12, 1962, as Columbus Day.

I direct the appropriate officers of the Federal Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day; and I request the appropriate officers of the State and local governments likewise to display the flag on that day.

I also invite the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies in honor of the memory of Christopher Columbus and his daring achievement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this third day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-two, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-seventh.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,  
*Secretary of State.*

### Proclamation 3499

#### NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK, 1962

By the President of the United States of America

#### A Proclamation

October 9, 1962

WHEREAS the National School Lunch Act was enacted, as a measure of national security, to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's children and to encourage the domestic consumption of nutritious agricultural commodities and other food, by assisting the States, through grants-in-aid and other means, in providing an adequate supply of foods and other facilities for the establishment, maintenance, operation, and expansion of nonprofit school-lunch programs; and

60 Stat. 230.  
42 USC 1751  
note.

WHEREAS the school-lunch program is essentially a community effort, depending on the interest and support of every citizen; and

WHEREAS, in order to encourage our citizens and civic groups to lend assistance to the school-lunch program, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved October 9, 1962, has designated the seven-day period beginning on the second Sunday of October in each year as National School Lunch Week, and has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for the observance of that week:

*Ante*, p. 779.