

(1) designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of Federal, State, and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty;

(2) directing United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States at halfstaff on all Government buildings on Peace Officers Memorial Day, as provided by section 7(m) of title 4, United States Code; and

(3) inviting State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe Peace Officers Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including the display of the flag at halfstaff.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1261.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
136	36:167(1), (2), (4) (related to Peace Officers Memorial Day).	Oct. 1, 1962, Pub. L. 87-726, cls. (1), (2), (4) (related to Peace Officers Memorial Day), 76 Stat. 676; Sept. 13, 1994, Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXII, § 320922(a)(2)-(4), 108 Stat. 2131.

In clause (2), the reference to section 7(m) of title 4 is substituted for the reference to section 175(m) of title 36 because the latter provision is being restated in title 4. See section 2 of the bill.

§ 137. Police Week

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating the week in which May 15 occurs as Police Week in recognition of the service given by men and women who stand guard to protect the people of the United States through law enforcement; and

(2) inviting State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including the display of the flag at halfstaff.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1261.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
137	36:167(3), (4) (related to Police Week).	Oct. 1, 1962, Pub. L. 87-726, cls. (3), (4) (related to Police Week), 76 Stat. 676; Sept. 13, 1994, Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXII, § 320922(a)(1), (3), (4), 108 Stat. 2131.

In clause (1), the words “night and day” and “in our midst” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 138. Save Your Vision Week

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating the first week in March as Save Your Vision Week;

(2) inviting the governors and mayors of State and local governments to issue proclamations designating the first week in March as Save Your Vision Week;

(3) inviting the communications media, health care professions, and other agencies and individuals concerned with programs for

the improvement of vision to unite during Save Your Vision Week in public activities to convince the people of the United States of the importance of vision to their welfare and the welfare of the United States; and

(4) urging the media, health care professions, and other agencies and individuals to support programs to improve and protect the vision of the people of the United States.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1261.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
138	36:169a.	Dec. 30, 1963, Pub. L. 88-242, 77 Stat. 629.

In clause (3), the words “consider including in such proclamation” and “press, radio, television, and other” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 139. Steemark Month

(a) DESIGNATION.—May is Steemark Month.

(b) PURPOSE.—Steemark Month recognizes the tremendous contribution made by the steel industry in the United States to national security and defense.

(c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe Steemark Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1262.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
139(a)	36:169e (1st sentence 1st-13th words).	Nov. 2, 1966, Pub. L. 89-703, 80 Stat. 1099.
139(b)	36:169e (1st sentence 14th-last words).	
139(c)	36:169e (last sentence).	

In subsection (c), the word “activities” is substituted for “proceedings” for consistency in this chapter.

§ 140. Stephen Foster Memorial Day

The President may issue each year a proclamation—

(1) designating January 13 as Stephen Foster Memorial Day; and

(2) calling on the people of the United States to observe Stephen Foster Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies, pilgrimages to his shrines, and musical programs featuring his compositions.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1262.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
140	36:158.	Oct. 27, 1951, ch. 593, 65 Stat. 659.

§ 141. Thomas Jefferson’s birthday

The President shall issue each year a proclamation—

(1) calling on officials of the United States Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on April 13; and

(2) inviting the people of the United States to observe April 13 in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies in commemoration of Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1262.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
141	36:149.	Aug. 16, 1937, ch. 666, 50 Stat. 668.

§ 142. White Cane Safety Day

The President may issue each year a proclamation—

- (1) designating October 15 as White Cane Safety Day; and
- (2) calling on the people of the United States to observe White Cane Safety Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1262.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
142	36:169d.	Oct. 6, 1964, Pub. L. 88-628, 78 Stat. 1003.

§ 143. Wright Brothers Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—December 17 is Wright Brothers Day.

(b) PURPOSE.—Wright Brothers Day commemorates the first successful flights in a heavier than air, mechanically propelled airplane, that were made by Orville and Wilbur Wright on December 17, 1903, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

(c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe Wright Brothers Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1262.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
143(a)	36:169 (1st sentence words before 1st comma).	Dec. 17, 1963, Pub. L. 88-209, 77 Stat. 402.
143(b)	36:169 (1st sentence words after 1st comma).	
143(c)	36:169 (last sentence).	

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT COMMEMORATION ACT

Pub. L. 105-389, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3486, as amended by Pub. L. 106-68, §1, Oct. 6, 1999, 113 Stat. 981, known as the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act, established the Centennial of Flight Commission to carry out certain activities related to the history of aviation and the commemoration of the centennial of powered flight, required the Commission to make annual reports and a final report not later than June 30, 2004, and provided that the Commission terminate not later than 60 days after submission of the final report.

§ 144. Patriot Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—September 11 is Patriot Day.

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation calling on—

- (1) State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe Patriot Day with appropriate programs and activities;
- (2) all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States and interested organizations and individuals to display the flag of the United States at halfstaff on Patriot Day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001; and

(3) the people of the United States to observe a moment of silence on Patriot Day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001.

(Added Pub. L. 107-89, §1, Dec. 18, 2001, 115 Stat. 876.)

§ 145. Veterans Day

The President shall issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe two minutes of silence on Veterans Day in honor of the service and sacrifice of veterans throughout the history of the Nation, beginning at—

- (1) 3:11 p.m. Atlantic standard time;
- (2) 2:11 p.m. eastern standard time;
- (3) 1:11 p.m. central standard time;
- (4) 12:11 p.m. mountain standard time;
- (5) 11:11 a.m. Pacific standard time;
- (6) 10:11 a.m. Alaska standard time; and
- (7) 9:11 a.m. Hawaii-Aleutian standard time.

(Added Pub. L. 114-240, §2(a), Oct. 7, 2016, 130 Stat. 974.)

§ 146. National Atomic Veterans Day

The President shall issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to—

- (1) observe Atomic Veterans Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and
- (2) remember and honor the atomic veterans of the United States whose brave service and sacrifice played an important role in the defense of the Nation.

(Added Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title X, §1084(a), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1924.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Another section 146 of this title was renumbered section 147 of this title.

§ 147. Choose Respect Day

(a) DESIGNATION.—October 1 is Choose Respect Day.

(b) RECOGNITION.—All private citizens, organizations, and Federal, State, and local governmental and legislative entities are encouraged