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Abstract

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Except for the perpetual commemoratives indicated in *italics* below, with their citations to the *U.S. Code* (USC), these proclamations (Proc.) must be reissued each year. Most are issued shortly before the observance of the event. For this reason we are unable to provide a complete advance calendar indicating these days. We are providing the 1997 list as an indication of those observances that might be designated in 1998.

1997

January

16—**Religious Freedom Day** (Proc. 6966, 62 FR 3191)

20—**National Day of Hope and Renewal** (Proc. 6968, 62 FR 3443)

February

African American History Month (Proc. 6970, 62 FR 5287)

American Heart Month—February each year (36 USC 169b; Proc. 6971, 62 FR 5291).

9-15—**National Child Passenger Safety Week** (Proc. 6972, 62 FR 6443)

March

American Red Cross Month (Proc. 6973, 62 FR 9065)

Irish-American Heritage Month (Proc. 6974, 62 FR 9677)

Women's History Month (Proc. 6975, 62 FR 9905)

2-8—*Save Your Vision Week—First week of March each year (36 USC 169a; Proc. 6976, 62 FR 9907).*

7—**National Older Workers Employment Week** (Proc. 6978, 62 FR 11069)

16-22—**National Poison Prevention Week**—Third week of March each year (36 USC 165; Proc. 6977, 62 FR 11067).

25—**Greek Independence Day** (Proc. 6979, FR 14771)

April

Cancer Control Month—April each year (36 USC 150; Proc. 6980, 62 FR 16033).

National Child Abuse Prevention Month (Proc. 6981, 62 FR 16035)

9—**National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day** (Proc. 6983, 62 FR 17861)

10—**National D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Day** (Proc. 6984, 62 FR 18015)

11—**National Pay Inequity Awareness Day** (Proc. 6985, 62 FR 18497)

13-19—**National Crime Victims Week** (Proc. 6989, 62 FR 19021)

13-19—**National Service and Volunteer Week** (Proc. 6986, 62 FR 18501)

13-19—**Pan American Week** (Proc. 6987, 62 FR 18503)

14—**Pan-American Day** (Proc. 6987, 62 FR 18503)

18—**Education and Sharing Day** (Proc. 6990, 62 FR 19471)

20-26—**National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week** (Proc. 6992, 62 FR 19891)

20-26—**National Wildlife Week** (Proc. 6993, 62 FR 19893)

21-27—**National Park Week** (Proc. 6994, 62 FR 19895)

May

Asian/Pacific-American Heritage Month—May each year (36 USC 169k; Proc. 6998, 62 FR 25105).

Older Americans Month (Proc. 6996, 62 FR 24555)

1—**Law Day**—May 1 each year (36 USC 164; Proc. 6995, 62 FR 19897).

1—**Loyalty Day**—May 1 each year (36 USC 152; Proc. 6997, 62 FR 24557).

1—**National Day of Prayer**—First Thursday of May each year (36 USC 169h; Proc. 6991, 62 FR 19663).

11—**Mother's Day**—Second Sunday in May each year (36 USC 142; Proc. 6999, 62 FR 25421).

11-18—**Jewish Heritage Week** (Proc. 7001, 62 FR 26203)

11-17—**National Transportation Week**—Week in which National Defense Transportation Day falls each year (36 USC 166; Proc. 7002, 62 FR 26379).

11-17—**Police Week**—Week in which Peace Officer Memorial Day falls each year (36 USC 167; Proc. 7000, 62 FR 26201).

15—**Peace Officer Memorial Day**—May 15 each year (36 USC 167; Proc. 7000, 62 FR 26201).

16—**National Defense Transportation Day**—Third Friday in May each year (36 USC 160 ; Proc. 7002, 62 FR 26379).

17-23—**National Safe Boating Week**—Seven-day period prior to the Memorial Day weekend each year (36 USC 161; Proc. 7003, 62 FR 27167).

18-24—**World Trade Week** (Proc. 7004, 62 FR 27927)

22—**National Maritime Day**—May 22 each year (36 USC 145; Proc. 7005, 62 FR 28605).

26—**Prayer for Peace Memorial Day** (Proc. 7006, 62 FR 28793)

June

1-7—**Small Business Week** (Proc. 7008, 62 FR 30427)

- 15—**Father’s Day**—*Second Sunday in June each year (36 USC 142a)*
 8-15—**National Flag Week**—*Week in which June 14 occurs each year (36 USC 157a; Proc. 7009, 62 FR 31699).*
 14—**Flag Day**—*June 14 each year (36 USC 157; Proc. 7009, 62 FR 31699).*

July

- 20-26—**Captive Nations Week**—*Third week in July each year (Proc. 7012).*
 27—**National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day**—*July 27 each year until the year 2003 (36 USC 169m; Proc. 7014, 62 FR 40723).*
 27—**Parents’ Day**—*Fourth Sunday of July each year (36 USC 142c; Proc. 7015, 62 FR 40725).*

August

- 26—**Women’s Equality Day**—(Proc. 7017, 62 FR 44529)

September

- National Hispanic Heritage Month**—*September 15 through October 15 each year (36 USC 159f; Proc. 7020, 62 FR 48931).*
 14-20—**50th Anniversary of the National Security Act of 1957** (Proc. 7021, 62 FR 48933)
 14-20—**National Week of Food Recovery** (Proc. 7019, 62 FR 48929)
 17—**Citizenship Day**—*September 17 each year (36 USC 153; Proc. 7022, 62 FR 49121).*
 17-23—**Constitution Week**—*Week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 each year (36 USC 159; Proc. 7022, 62 FR 69121).*
 19—**National POW/MIA Recognition Day** (Proc. 7023, 62 FR 49123)
 21-27—**Minority Enterprise Development Week** (Proc 7024, 62 FR 50469)
 21-27—**National Farm Safety Week and Health Week** (Proc. 7026, 62 FR 50473)
 21-27—**National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week** (Proc. 7025, 62 FR 50471)
 26—**Austrian American Day** (Proc. 7027, 62 FR 51363)
 28—**Gold Star Mother’s Day**—*Last Sunday in September each year (36 USC 148; Proc. 7028, 62 FR 51365).*

October

- National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** (Proc. 7029, 62 FR 52005)
National Disability Employment Awareness Month—*October each year (36 USC 155; Proc. 7031, 62 FR 52223).*
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month (Proc. 7030, 62 FR 52007)
 5-11—**Fire Prevention Week** (Proc. 7032, 62 FR 52471)
 6—**Child Health Day**—*First Monday in October each year (36 USC 143; Proc. 7033, 62 FR 52473).*
 6—**German-American Day** (Proc. 7034, 62 FR 52645)
 9—**Leif Erikson Day**—*October 9 each year (36 USC 169c; Proc. 7035, 62 FR 53525).*
 11—**General Pulaski Memorial Day** (Proc. 7036, 62 FR 53257)
 12—**National Children’s Day** (Proc. 7040, 62 FR 53701)
 12-18—**National School Lunch Week**—*Week beginning on the second Sunday in October each year (36 USC 168; Proc. 7038, 62 FR 53695).*

- 15—International Rural Women’s Day (Proc. 7041, 62 FR 54355)
15—**White Cane Safety Day**—*October 15 each year (36 USC 155; Proc. 7037, 62 FR 53259).*
19-25—**National Character Counts Week** (Proc. 7043, 62 FR 54755)
19-25—**National Forest Products Week**—*Week beginning on the third Sunday of October each year (36 USC 163; Proc. 7042, 62 FR 54751).*
24—**United Nations Day** (Proc. 7044, 62 FR 55723)
25-31—**National Consumers Week** (Proc. 7045, 62 FR 56047)

November

- National Adoption Month** (Proc. 7048, 62 FR 60153)
National American Indian Heritage Month (Proc. 7047, 62 FR 59773)
2-8—**National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week** (Proc. 7046, 62 FR 59559)
6—**National Day of Concern About Young People and Gun Violence** (Proc. 7049, 62 FR 60637)
20—**National Great American Smokeout Day** (Proc. 7051, 62 FR 62679)
21-27—**National Farm-City Week** (Proc. 7053, 62 FR 62939)
23-29—**National Family Caregivers Week** (Proc. 7055, 62 FR 62943)
23-29—**National Family Week** (Proc. 7054, 62 FR 62941)

December

- National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month** (Proc. 7057, 62 FR 64131)
1—**World AIDS Day** (Proc. 7056, 62 FR 64127)
7—**National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**—*December 7 each year (36 USC 169l; Proc. 7058, 62 FR 65003).*
10—**Human Rights Day** (Proc. 7059, 62 FR 65309)
10-17—**Human Rights Week** (Proc. 7059, 62 FR 63509)
15—**Bill of Rights Day** (Proc. 7059, 62 FR 53509)
17—**Wright Brothers Day**—*December 17 each year (36 USC 169; Proc. 7061, 62 FR 66251).*

1998

January

- Year of the Ocean** (Proc. 7065, 63 FR 4553)
16—**Religious Freedom Day** (Proc. 7063, 63 FR 3243)

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- African-American History Month** (Proc. 7067, 63 FR 5719)
American Heart Month—*February each year (36 USC 169b; Proc. 7066, 63 FR 5717).*

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1-7—Save Your Vision Week—First week of March each year (36 USC 169a: Proc. 7068, 63 FR 10289).

8-14—National Older Workers Employment Week (Proc. 7072, 63 FR 11983)

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