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ABSTRACT

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Summary

Historically, national commemorative observances were recommended by Congress through the legislative process. This practice was discontinued by the House of Representatives in January 1995, although the Senate continues to issue sense of the Senate resolutions recommending the establishment of commemoratives. It has now become standard practice for special observances to be designated by a proclamation issued by the President. This report is a chronological list of these proclamations for 1997 and 1998, indicating the proclamation number and its *Federal Register* citation.

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Historically, national commemorative observances were recommended by Congress through the legislative process. This practice was discontinued by the House of Representatives in January 1995, although the Senate continues to issue sense of the Senate resolutions recommending the establishment of commemoratives. The President has always had the authority to declare by proclamation any commemorative event or national observance. It has now become standard practice for special observances to be designated by a proclamation issued by the President. Generally these observances are limited to a one-time celebration only, on a particular day, week, or month of a particular year. The following is a chronological list of these proclamations for 1997 and 1998, indicating the proclamation number and its *Federal Register* (FR) citation.

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

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| 16— Religious Freedom Day | Proc. 6966, 62 FR 3191 |
| 20— National Day of Hope and Renewal | Proc. 6968, 62 FR 3443 |

February

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| African American History Month | Proc. 6970, 62 FR 5287 |
| <i>American Heart Month—February each year</i> | <i>36 USC 169b; Proc. 6971, 62 FR 5291</i> |
| 9-15— National Child Passenger Safety Week | Proc. 6972, 62 FR 6443 |

March

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 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— Memorial Day each year*
 36 USC 169g; 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— <i>Leif Erikson Day—October 9 each year</i>	<i>36 USC 169c; Proc. 7035, 62 FR 53525</i>
11— General Pulaski Memorial Day	Proc. 7036, 62 FR 53257
12— National Children’s Day	Proc. 7040, 62 FR 53701
12-18— <i>National School Lunch Week—Week beginning on the second Sunday in October each year</i>	<i>36 USC 168; Proc. 7038, 62 FR 53695</i>
15— International Rural Women’s Day	Proc. 7041, 62 FR 54355
15— <i>White Cane Safety Day—October 15 each year</i>	<i>36 USC 155; Proc. 7037, 62 FR 53259</i>
19-25— National Character Counts Week	Proc. 7043, 62 FR 54755
19-25— <i>National Forest Products Week—Week beginning on the third Sunday of October each year</i>	<i>36 USC 163; Proc. 7042, 62 FR 54751</i>
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— <i>National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day—December 7 each year</i>	<i>36 USC 169l; Proc. 7058, 62 FR 65003</i>

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

February

African-American History Month	Proc. 7067, 63 FR 5719
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American Heart Month—February each year

36 USC 169b; Proc. 7066, 63 FR 5717

March

American Red Cross Month	Proc. 7069, 63 FR 10487
Irish-American Heritage Month	Proc. 7070, 63 FR 10489
Women's History Month	Proc. 7071, 63 FR 10741

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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15-21—National Poison Prevention Week—Third week of March each year

36 USC 165

April

Cancer Control Month—April each year

36 USC 150; Proc. 7075, 63 FR 16385

Child Abuse Prevention Month	Proc. 7076, 63 FR 16667
3— National Equal Pay Day	Proc. 7077, 63 FR 16875
7— Education and Sharing Day	Proc. 7078, 63 FR 17307

9— National D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Day	Proc. 7080, 63 FR 18115
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9—National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day	Proc. 7079, 63 FR 18111
12-18— Pan American Week	Proc. 7081, 63 FR 18811
14— Pan American Day	Proc. 7081, 63 FR 18811
16— National Recall Round-Up Day	Proc. 7082, 63 FR 19167
19-25— National Crime Victims Week	Proc. 7084, 63 FR 20051
19-25— National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week	Proc. 7083, 63 FR 19795
19-25— National Volunteer Week	Proc. 7085, 63 FR 20293
20-26— National Park Week	Proc. 7086, 63 FR 20511
26-May 3— Jewish Heritage Week	Proc. 7087, 63 FR 23369

May

<i>Asian/Pacific-American Heritage Month—May each year</i>	<i>36 USC 169k; Proc. 7089, 63 FR 25145</i>
Older Americans Month	Proc. 7092, 63 FR 25251
<i>1—Law Day—May 1 each year</i>	<i>36 USC 164; Proc. 7090, 63 FR 25147</i>
<i>1—Loyalty Day—May 1 each year</i>	<i>36 USC 152; Proc. 7091, 63 FR 25149</i>
<i>7—National Day of Prayer—First Thursday of May each year</i>	<i>36 USC 169h; Proc. 7088, 63 FR 24383</i>
<i>10—Mother’s Day—Second Sunday in May each year</i>	<i>36 USC 142; Proc. 7093, 63 FR 25415</i>
10-16—National Transportation Week—Week in which National Defense Transportation Day falls each year	<i>36 USC 166; Proc. 7094, 63 FR 26711</i>
<i>10-16—Police Week—Week in which Peace Officer Memorial Day falls each year</i>	<i>36 USC 167; Proc. 7095, 63 FR 27191</i>
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<i>16-22—National Safe Boating Week—Seven-day period prior to the Memorial Day weekend each year</i>	<i>36 USC 161; Proc. 7096, 63 FR 27663</i>
17-23— World Trade Week	Proc. 7097, 63 FR 27813
<i>22—National Maritime Day—May 22 each year</i>	<i>36 USC 145; Proc. 7098, 63 FR 28887</i>

25—*Prayer for Peace Memorial Day—Memorial Day each year*
36 USC 169g; Proc. 7099, 63 FR 28889

31-June 6— **National Alternative Fuels Week** Proc. 7101, 63 FR 30101
31-June 6— **Small Business Week** Proc. 7102, 63 FR 30103

June

7-13— **National Homeownership Week** Proc. 7104, 63 FR 31591

14—*Flag Day—June 14 each year* 36 USC 157; Proc. 7105, 63 FR 33229

14-20—*National Flag Week—Week in which June 14 occurs each year*
36 USC 157a; Proc. 7105, 63 FR 33229

21—*Father's Day—Third Sunday in June each year*
36 USC 142a; Proc. 7106, 63 FR 33833

July

19-25—*Captive Nations Week—Third Week in July each year*
Proc. 7109, 63 FR 39475

26— **50th Anniversary of the Integration of the Armed Services**
Proc. 7108, 63 FR 38073

26—*Parents' Day—Fourth Sunday of July each year*
36 USC 142c; Proc. 7111, 63 FR 40355

27—*National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day—July 27 each year until the
year 2003* 36 USC 169m; Proc. 7110, 63 FR 40353

August

September

National Hispanic Heritage Month—September 15 through October 15 each year
36 USC 159f

17—*Citizenship Day—September 17 each year* 36 USC 153

17-23—*Constitution Week—Week beginning September 17 and ending September
23 each year* 36 USC 159

27—*Gold Star Mother's Day—Last Sunday in September each year* 36 USC 148

October

- National Disability Employment Awareness Month—October each month* 36 USC 155
- 5—*Child Health Day—First Monday in October each year* 36 USC 143
- 9—*Leif Erikson Day—October 9 each year* 36 USC 169c
- 11-17—*National School Lunch Week —Week beginning on the second Sunday in October each year* 36 USC 168
- 15—*White Cane Safety Day—October 15 each year* 36 USC 155
- 18-24—*National Forest Products Week—Week beginning on the third Sunday in October each year* 36 USC 163

November

December

- 7—*National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day—December 7 each year* 36 USC 169l
- 17—*Wright Brothers Day—December 17 each year* 36 USC 169