

CHILD HEALTH DAY, 1945

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the health and vigor of the Nation's citizens are not only essentials in the achievement of peace but also goals for the fullest enjoyment and perpetuation of peace; and

WHEREAS it has been demonstrated that many physical defects which handicap large numbers of adult citizens are evident during childhood, and could be prevented or corrected with proper care at that time; and

WHEREAS good community planning for the health and care of our children starts with the registration at birth of all babies; and

WHEREAS each year the births of tens of thousands of our babies are not officially registered; and

36 U. S. C. § 143.

WHEREAS the Congress by joint resolution of May 18, 1928 (45 Stat. 617) authorized and requested the President of the United States to issue annually a proclamation setting apart May 1 as Child Health Day:

Designation of May
1, 1945, as Child
Health Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the first day of May of this year as Child Health Day.

And I call upon the people in each community to use that day as an occasion to impress upon parents the importance of registering the birth of every baby born in the United States; and I further urge our citizens to mobilize community resources for the better care of our children so that the growing generation will be strong to mold the peace.

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 7th day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five and of the
[SEAL] Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-ninth.

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

By the President:

E. R. STETTINIUS, Jr.
Secretary of State.

April 13, 1945

[No. 2648]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

To the People of the United States:

Death of Franklin
Delano Roosevelt.

It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to take from us the immortal spirit of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States.

The leader of his people in a great war, he lived to see the assurance of the victory but not to share it. He lived to see the first foundations of the free and peaceful world to which his life was dedicated, but not to enter on that world himself.

His fellow countrymen will sorely miss his fortitude and faith and courage in the time to come.

The peoples of the earth who love the ways of freedom and of hope will mourn for him.

But though his voice is silent, his courage is not spent, his faith is

not extinguished. The courage of great men outlives them to become the courage of their people and the peoples of the world. It lives beyond them and upholds their purposes and brings their hopes to pass.

Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, do appoint Saturday next, April 14th, the day of the funeral service for the dead President, as a day of mourning and prayer throughout the United States. I earnestly recommend the people to assemble on that day in their respective places of divine worship, there to bow down in submission to the will of Almighty God, and to pay out of full hearts their homage of love and reverence to the memory of the great and good man whose death they mourn.

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

Done at the City of Washington, the 13th day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-
[SEAL] five, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and sixty-ninth.

HARRY S TRUMAN

By the President:

E. R. STETTINIUS Jr.
Secretary of State

The White House,
Washington, April 13, 1945

Day of mourning
and prayer, April 14,
1945.

MOTHER'S DAY, 1945

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

April 17, 1945
[No. 2649]

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is fitting that we acknowledge anew our gratitude, love, and devotion to the mothers of America; and

WHEREAS in this year of the war's greatest intensity we are ever mindful of their splendid courage and steadfast loyalty to the highest ideals of our democracy; and

WHEREAS Congress by joint resolution approved May 8, 1914, set aside the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day, and acclaimed the service rendered the United States by the American mother as "the greatest source of the country's strength and inspiration":

38 Stat. 770.
36 U. S. C. §§ 141,
142.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby request the observance of Sunday, May 13, 1945, as Mother's Day, and call upon the officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings, and the people of the Nation to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places, on that day. And I urge that by our prayers, by our devotion to duty, and by evidences of affection, we give expression to our love and reverence for America's mothers.

Observance of May
13, 1945, as Mother's
Day.

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 17th day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of
[SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-ninth.

HARRY S TRUMAN

By the President:

E. R. STETTINIUS, Jr.
Secretary of State