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Presidential Correspondence, Office of

Presidential Proclamations - Proclamations

Date Ranges: 2001-2008

Extent and Forms of Material: 7 linear inches

Abstract: This collection consists of proclamations and enclosure cards utilized by the Office of Presidential Proclamations within the Office of Presidential Correspondence.

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Custodial History: Official records of George W. Bush's presidency are housed at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

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Administrative History: Presidential proclamations have been used over the past two hundred years for a variety of purposes. Because a proclamation, like an executive order, carries the force of law, they have been used to establish policy on a variety of national issues. The intended audience of a proclamation is the general public, as its function—to “proclaim” a decision by the chief executive—suggests.

Proclamations were one of the primary means through which the President could communicate national policy prior to the rise of radio, television, and the Internet. Highly significant decisions

were conveyed via proclamation; examples include George Washington's Proclamation of Neutrality in 1793 regarding war in Europe, James Monroe's 1815 proclamation announcing the peace treaty with Great Britain which ended the War of 1812, Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Emancipation Proclamation, and Gerald Ford's 1974 proclamation granting former President Richard Nixon a pardon in the wake of the Watergate scandal.

Proclamations have also assumed more of a ceremonial role; they are used to pay tribute to a person or group, highlight a problem or a cause of interest to the President, or commemorate a holiday. Certain proclamations are issued annually according to law: Mother's Day, Captive Nations Week, and Memorial Day, among others. Others are issued annually by custom: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Thanksgiving Day; and German-American Day. Occasionally, they are still used as policymaking instruments, such as President George W. Bush's 2007 proclamation regarding a free trade agreement with the Dominican Republic.

Scope and Content Note: Proclamations, enclosure cards, and envelopes comprise this series. In most cases, three copies of each item were included in the collection unless fewer were located. The majority of items were sampled from boxes that contained only bulk materials, however, some items were removed from boxes that contained a mixture of unique presidential records and bulk materials.

System of Arrangement: This collection is arranged chronologically by the date each proclamation acknowledges.

Related Collections:

The following collections also consist almost exclusively of bulk items:

- Bush43 Sample Collection
- Calligraphy Office, White House: Printed Ephemera
- Presidential Correspondence, Office of: Presidential Proclamations – Blue Line Proclamations
- Presidential Correspondence, Office of: Mail Analysis – Photo/Printing Division Files
- Presidential Correspondence, Office of: Student Correspondence - Enclosures
- Visitors Office, White House: Printed Ephemera

Container List:

Box 1

- 1 Proclamation Enclosure Cards
- 2 February 2001 - American Heart Month
- 3 February 2001 - National African American History Month
- 4 02/04/2001 - National Burn Awareness Week
- 5 02/05/2001 - National Consumer Protection Week
- 6 March 2001 - American Red Cross Month
- 7 March 2001 - Irish - American Heritage Month
- 8 March 2001 - National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

- 9 03/01/2001 - Fortieth Anniversary of the Peace Corps
- 10 03/04/2001 - Save Your Vision Week
- 11 [03/05/2001 - Greek Independence Day]
- 12 03/11/2001 - National Girl Scout Week
- 13 03/18/2001 - National Poison Prevention Week
- 14 April 2001 - Cancer Control Month
- 15 April 2001 - National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- 16 04/04/2001 - Education and Sharing Day, U.S.A.
- 17 04/09/2001 - National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day
- 18 04/13/2001 - Thomas Jefferson Day
- 19 04/14/2001 - Pan American Day and Pan American Week
- 20 04/15/2001 - National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week
- 21 November 2002 - National Adoption Month
- 22 2005 - National Observance of the 60th Anniversary of the End of World War II
- 23 09/11/2005 - Patriot Day
- 24 11/11/2005 - Veterans Day
- 25 April 2006 - Cancer Control Month
- 26 04/09/2006 - Small Business Week
- 27 04/23/2006 - National Volunteer Week
- 28 May 2006 - Older Americans Month
- 29 05/29/2006 - Prayer for Peace, Memorial Day
- 30 June 2006 - Caribbean - American Heritage Month
- 31 06/15/2006 - Establishment of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument
- 32 07/04/2006 - Independence Day - Braille Version
- 33 07/30/2006 - 50th Anniversary of Our National Motto, "In God We Trust"
- 34 09/08/2006 - National Days of Prayer and Remembrance
- 35 09/10/2006 - National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week
- 36 09/15/2006 - National Hispanic Heritage Month
- 37 09/17/2006 - Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, Constitution Week
- 38 09/18/2006 - Literacy Day
- 39 October 2006 - National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- 40 October 2006 - National Disability Employment Awareness Month

- 41 November 2006 - National American Indian Heritage Month
- 42 11/11/2006 - Veterans Day
- 43 11/23/2006 - Thanksgiving Day [Folder 1]
- 44 11/23/2006 - Thanksgiving Day [Folder 2]
- 45 11/30/2006 - National Methamphetamine Awareness Day
- 46 12/10/2006 - Human Rights Day, Bill of Rights Day, and Human Rights Week
- 47 2007 - 400th Anniversary of Jamestown
- 48 01/29/2007 - Fifth Anniversary of USA Freedom Corps
- 49 02/22/2007 - 275th Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington
- 50 03/25/2007 - Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy
- 51 04/15/2007 - National Volunteer Week
- 52 04/19/2007 - Dutch - American Friendship Day
- 53 04/22/2007 - National Park Week
- 54 04/29/2007 - National Charter Schools Week
- 55 May 2007 - National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
- 56 May 2007 - Older Americans Month
- 57 05/01/2007 - Loyalty Day
- 58 05/13/2007 - Mother's Day
- 59 06/17/2007 - Father's Day
- 60 08/26/2007 - Women's Equality Day
- 61 09/09/2007 - Minority Enterprise Development Week
- 62 09/11/2007 - Patriot Day
- 63 October 2007 - National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- 64 November 2007 - National Adoption Month
- 65 11/11/2007 - Veterans Day
- 66 11/27/2007 - Thanksgiving Day
- 67 January 2008 - National Mentoring Month
- 68 01/20/2008 - National Sanctity of Human Life Day
- 69 February 2008 - National African American History Month
- 70 March 2008 - American Red Cross Month

Box 2

- 1 May 2008 - Older Americans Month
- 2 05/01/2008 - Loyalty Day and Enclosure Card
- 3 05/16/2008 - National Defense Transportation Day and National Transportation Week
- 4 05/21/2008 - A Day of Solidarity with the Cuban People
- 5 June 2008 - National Oceans Month
- 6 07/26/2008 - Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- 7 07/26/2008 - FBI Day
- 8 08/31/2008 - Minority Enterprise Development Week
- 9 October 2008 - National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- 10 11/27/2008 - Thanksgiving Day