

Proclamation 4734 of March 11, 1980**Loyalty Day, 1980**

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Our National was founded to secure and protect the basic human rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all our citizens. Today the United States is a leader in the world-wide struggle for basic human rights. In these times it is important that we never forget our historic commitment to freedom and justice for all people—because our first principles are the basis of our continuing loyalty to our Nation.

America was not created to promote a single race or religion or ideology, but to build a safe and sure home for the deepest values of humankind. The symbols of our loyalty, such as the flag, are the outward signs of our faith in these ideals.

36 USC 162.

In order to encourage the people of the United States to reflect on our democratic heritage, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved July 18, 1958 (72 Stat. 369), has designated May 1 of every year as Loyalty Day, and has requested the President to issue a proclamation inviting the American people to acknowledge that day with appropriate observances.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, call upon all American to observe Thursday, May 1, 1980, as Loyalty Day. I also ask the appropriate officials of the Government and all citizens to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourth.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4735 of March 13, 1980**Honoring Carl Vinson**

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The nuclear powered aircraft carrier U.S.S. Carl Vinson (CVN 70) will be christened and launched at Newport News, Virginia on March 15, 1980.

The namesake of this, the largest warship ever constructed, the Honorable Carl Vinson, served as a member of the House of Representatives from 1914 to 1965 during which time he served as the Chairman of the old House Naval Affairs Committee for 16 years and as the Chairman of the House

Armed Services Committee for 14 years. Carl Vinson played a major role in developing a national defense posture second to none, believing always in a philosophy that "No man should ever place the defense of his nation below any other priority."

Carl Vinson's record of over 50 years of continuous service in the House of Representatives remains unsurpassed, reflecting a lifelong commitment to the security and freedom of all Americans. He served his country with distinction, providing enlightened leadership, and demonstrating an incomparable ability as a legislator.

On March 15, 1980 Carl Vinson will be present in Newport News, Virginia, as the first living American to be present at the launching of a United States Navy warship which bears his name. In recognition of this unique occasion, and in honor of this great American, the 96th Congress, by joint resolution (S.J. Res. 149), has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation honoring Carl Vinson.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby extend best wishes to Carl Vinson on this historic occasion, and express deep appreciation on behalf of the United States to Carl Vinson and his unswerving devotion to his beloved nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourth.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4736 of March 13, 1980

National Maritime Day, 1980

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Throughout the history of the United States, trade and shipping have made a vital contribution to the Nation's growth and economic vitality. Today, the American Merchant Marine continues to aid the development of American enterprise and to foster the well-being of all American citizens by linking U.S. industries, farms and markets with our overseas trading partners.

In addition, our Merchant Marine has shown valor and dedication in providing logistic support to United States military forces in times of national emergency.

In recognition of the importance of the American Merchant Marine, and in commemoration of the departure from Savannah, Georgia, on May 22, 1819, of the S.S. Savannah on the first transatlantic voyage by any steamship, the Congress of the United States, by joint resolution of May 20, 1933 (48 Stat. 73, 36 U.S.C. 145), designated May 22 of each year as National Maritime Day and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for appropriate observances.