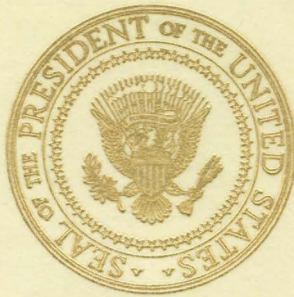


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Country Music Month, October 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

From the farms and mines and ranches of America has come a uniquely American art form—the sound which has become known as country music. Once heard only in certain regions of this Nation, the country sound now can be heard from Manhattan's skyscrapers to the beaches of Malibu. The growth of affection for country music in recent years is a heartening sign of the new interest that Americans take in things uniquely American.

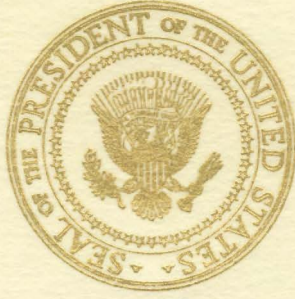
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It is a music which can be happy or sad, fast or slow, but it is always about life. The words of country music songs talk about life the way it is really lived. Country music is life with a melody.

NOW, THEREFORE, I GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, ask the people of this Nation to mark the month of October 1974, with suitable observances as Country Music Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

Gerald R. Ford



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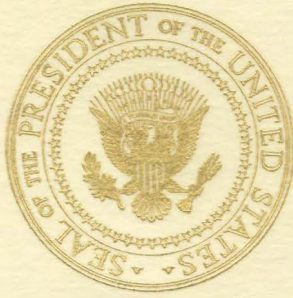
Country music—that uniquely American art form—holds a special place in our society. Its stories of struggle, of patience, of patriotism, of love won and lost—all set to music as distinctive and eloquently simple as any in the world—give pleasure and inspiration to millions of Americans.

Because country music plays such a significant role in American life, because its stars and its fans alike represent the very heart of America, it is particularly fitting that we as a Nation pay tribute to this very special kind of music. In doing so, we honor the hundreds of talented people who make that music, and the millions more who enjoy it.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, designate October 1975 as Country Music Month, and encourage all Americans to commemorate this designation with suitable observances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

Gerald R. Ford



Country Music Month, 1976

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Country music is a descriptive and entertaining chronicle of American life. The melodies and lyrics of a country song are drawn from the very heart of America and its people.

The music reflects the joys and sorrows of daily life and it reminds us that truth, compassion and moral character should guide our actions and shape our beliefs.

Country music is the spirit of America in song. It has grown in popularity among a wide range of people in all walks of life. It is a uniquely American art form which will flourish as long as the story of our Nation is the story of common people. It is fitting that we pay tribute to the music, to the hundreds of talented people who perform it and to the millions more who enjoy it.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

Gerald R. Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



October 15, 1976

MEMO FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT ✓
FROM: MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE *mm*
SUBJECT: Country Music Month --
National School Lunch Week
Proclamations

Please arrange to have the attached letters
robo-typed to the individuals on the enclosed
list.

Thanks very much.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

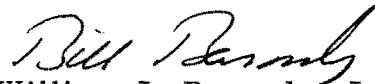
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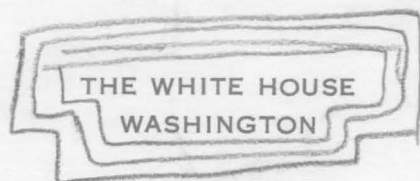
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Sincerely,



William J. Baroody, Jr.
Assistant to the President

Enclosure



Marguerite:

Could you please send
Country Music Proclamations
to the following c/o
Mae Axton ?

John Lentz ✓

~~Dick Frank~~

~~Johnny Rodriguez~~

FOR COPIES OF PROCLAMATION

Mrs. Mae Boren Axton, 49 Music Square West, Nashville, Tenn. 37203

Hoyt Axton Box 614, Tahoe City, Cal. 95730

John B. Axton, Box 388. Coalgate, Okla. 74758

Roy Acuff. 3940 Moss Rose Dr., Nashville, Tn. 37216

Once Republican candidate for Gov - strong FORD
NIXON - strong FORD

Eddy Arnold, Box 97, Franklin Road, Brentwood, Tn. 37027

STRONG FORD

Harry Warner, 1107 18th Ave. So., Nashville, Tn. (FORD)

Jerry Reed, 824 Glen Leven Dr., Nashville, Tn. 37204 (FORD)

Mrs. Tex Ritter, 899 So. Curtiswood Lane, Nashville, Tn. 37204

strong FORD - WIDOW OF TEX RITTER - who did album presented to Nixon

Francis Preston, 10 Music Sq. E., Nashville, Tn. 37203 VP-BM

STRONG FORD a lot of Country

Gov. Winfield Dunn, 40 Concord Park E, Nashville, Tn. 37200

Irving Waugh, Pre. WSM, Box 100, Nashville, Tn. 37205

Bud Wendell, Mgr. Opryland, 116 Opry Place, Nashville, Tn. 37210

WENDELL

Hal Durham, Mgr. Grand Ole Opry, 116 Opry Place, Nashville, Tenn. 37210

(Hal was roommate of Sen. Baker's Aide)

Mrs. Jo Walker, 7 Music Circle No., Nashville, Tn. 37203

(Executive Dir. of CMA.....Or you could send it/one To COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME...and send it to me for it)

Go Mrs Mae Axton Sam Lovvulla (Producer of Hee Haw) He's from Cal...and likes Ford he told me once...He's here now taping HEE HAW, so send it to me for hi

Go Mrs Mae Axton Lee Miller (Producer of MUSIC HALL AMERICA....From N.Y. or Cal. one... Indicated he was sort of scared of competition in power)

Nashville, TN 37203 He's here taping now, so you can send to me.)

Sonny James 4628 Shy's Hill Rd. Nashville, Tn 37215

Mayor Richard Fulton Metro Courthouse, Nashville, Tn. 37200

(Carter man, but IS the Mayor, and served with Ford in Congress and I think it would be smart...so no one could say Partisan Pol

Ruth Buzzi, 2309 Malaga Rd. Los Angeles, Cal 90028 (I only know she's a friend of mine...also of Tony Orlando's...and just refused to endorse Carter, when they contacted her...Told them she was too busy)

The Osmond Family, 1505 N. Canyon Rd. Provo, Utah 84601...I do not know

how they stand...They're good friends of mine and I help out on P.R. in the South for them.I do know that they'r strong Mormons and have a lot of influence in that community)

Pat Boone 904 N. Beverly Drive. Beverly Hills, Cal. 90213 (Strong Ford)

Tony Orlando, 360 N. Rockingham, Brentwood, Cal.(Good friend...strong Ford Does a lot for Country Music...I sometimes do his P.R. when he is in this area)

Biff Collie, 407 Springdale, Brentwood, Tn 37027 (WAS strong Carter until PLAYBOY interview...Is now leaning Ford, and talking to relatives ...gobs of them in Texas & Cal. about it.....Baptist Sunday School teacher, and a driving force in Country Music for 25 years...Nive looking...Smart)

Minnie Pearl Brentwood, tenn (Mrs. Henry Cannon) 37027... (Don't know...She told me recently she had been leaning Democraticallly but at this point wasn't sure...and she IS a NAME in Country Music)

Mr, Mrs.

~~Mary &~~ Terry Davis (Or put it Mary Reeves Davis) P.O. Drawer 1, Madison, Tenn. 37115 (She is the widow of Jim Reeves....still a most powerful force in Country Music....He's a former Baptist minister...now work closely together in ranching and music...Know people all over the world...VOCIFEROUSLY ANTI Carter)

Billy Grammer, Rte. 4 Old Hickory Blvd., Nashville, Tenn. 37211 (The one I told you was a Wallace Democrat...Member of the Opry...was with Wallace on-stage when he was shot.. Is strong for FORD...Said he'd stand on stage with Ford ANYTIME...and would tell anyone how dangerous Carter was)

Bob Jennings 625 Baxter Lane, Nashville, Tn. 37200 (Strong FORD...Works at it, and has been active in Country Music for over 20 years)

Jack Stapp, 8 Music Sq. W, Nashville, Tn 37202 (Chairman of Board of TREE ...Leans to Ford....Powerful)

Buddy Killen Same address as above on Stapp... same comments)

~~The Wilburn Brothers~~, Teddy & Doyle, 810 Evansdale, Nashville, Tn. 37200
~~Messrs. Wilburn~~
Messrs. Teddy + Doyle
Wilburn
(Was strong Wallace people...Leaned toward Carter at first...Even went to one rally...Has become unsure...A little scared of him...Turned down an invitation to another rally with personal visit Excuse....Busy....COULD have managed)

Chet Atkins (Vice Pres. Of RCA in Nashville...and great guitarist)
Lynwood Blvd. Nashville, Tenn 37215
(Strong Ford...and great influence in Country Music.... Hall Of Fame, etc...and good friend of mine)

Mr Roy Horton, Peer Southern, 1740 Bdwy, Ny, Ny 10019...(~~Not sure of~~ *Pro-Ford* politics...I only know he's deserving of this honor)

Neal Robinson (Vice Pres....Braniff Airlines...Box 35001 Room A124 Dallas, Tex. 75235....Call me on this....Gotta be sure....but think I'm right)

Mayor (Ex-Mayor) Beverly Briley....Deamocrat for Republican Sen. & Pres. Has done a lot for Country Music...Beloved by all...
1406 Winding Way Road, Nashville, Tenn. 37215

I have others....but I thought we should get these out IMMEDIATELY... and discuss the rest since there are ony 50.....My hair-dresser does a lot of artists and public as well...and is strong Ford...Husband a football coach (Team currently tops in state) and they do a lot of Civic things and are STRONG in the GREEK community....so maybe it would be smart..... CALL ME IMMEDIATELY....AND GET THESE OTHERS OUT TODAY IF POSSIBLE, SO THEY'LL GET THEM WHILE THOUSANDS ARE HERE FOR THIS CONVENTION....THE TALK WOULD BE GREAT PSYCHOLOGICALLY

Mr. Joe Johnson
President
Four Star Records
49 Music Square West
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Mr. Dick McMeekin
c/o Mrs. Mae Axton
49 Music Square West
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Mr. Jerry Jeff Walker
c/o Mrs. Mae Axton
49 Music Square West
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Mr. Richard Harris, Jr.
5615 Knollwood Road
Bethesda, Maryland 20016

Mr. Thomas A. Davis
1776 F Street
Suite 108
Washington, D.C. 20006

Mr. Walter Robinson
Executive Vice President - Law
National Life and Accident Insurance Company
National Life Center
Nashville, Tennessee 37250

October 13, 1976

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Enclosure



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Prime Proclamation



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November 21, 1974

Ms. Marguerite McAuliffey
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Washington, D. C. 20500

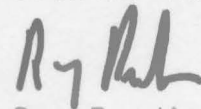
Dear Ms. McAuliffey:

As you so graciously proposed in a telephone conversation with me, I've enclosed the names of individuals who would appreciate receiving a copy of President Ford's proclamation of "October is Country Music Month."

Thank you very much. Best regards.

Sincerely,

COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION, INC.



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Public Relations Director

RP/t

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October 17, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARGARET McAULIFFE

FROM: JAN BARBIERI

I understand from Bob Linder that you have copies of the Country Music Month proclamation and could take care of getting out a couple of presentation copies to the Mid-Atlantic Country Music Association.

The individuals are:

Margaret Dowhen, Director of National Promotion
Frank Gosman, Chairman of the Board

They should both be sent to:

Mid-Atlantic States Country Music
Association
11350 Baltimore Boulevard
Greenbelt, Maryland 20705

*Sent
11/7/74*



Country Music Month 1974 -

October 16, 1974. Talk with Mr. Lay
Pradines, Director of Public Relations for
the Country Music Association. He will
send a list of 45 individuals.
tel: 615/244-2840.



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Marguerite McAuliffe

The President has signed a Proclamation entitled:

"Country Music Month, October 1974"


Robert D. Linder

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

COUNTRY MUSIC MONTH, OCTOBER 1974

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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