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## Flag Day and National Flag Week, 1975

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

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This year, Flag Day is an especially historic occasion, since it is also the Bicentennial birthday of the United States Army. Two hundred years ago, on June 14, 1775, the Continental Congress adopted resolutions which in effect established the military units of New England as the official national army. By this action, the Continental Army was created and the Nation's military service was born. The U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps were established later that same year by the Continental Congress.

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

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In this Bicentennial Year, all of us will join with our families, friends and neighbors in public celebrations of our Nation's birth. As we approach the 4th of July, it is especially appropriate this year that, on the anniversary of the adoption of our flag, we publicly express our dedication and respect for the flag of our Republic and the principles for which it stands.

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR MARGUERITE McAULIFFE

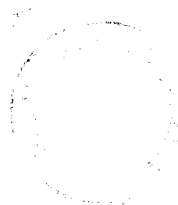
FROM:

WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WUN*

Marguerite, Mary Frances tells me that you hold the key to the special ceremonial proclamations printed with a special blue border, seal of the President and Mr. Ford's signature.

I would like to recieve two copies of the Flag Day and National Flag Week, 1975 proclamations.

Thank you.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 4

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Memo for handling



June 2, 1975

Dear Mrs. Martin:

Enclosed is a ceremonial duplicate of the 1975 Flag Day and National Flag Week Proclamation signed by President Ford.

I thought you would like to have this in connection with your organization's Flag Week celebration. It comes to you with the President's very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Marguerite McAuliffe

Mrs. Hugh Martin  
Director  
Star-Spangled Banner  
Flag House  
844 East Pratt Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Enclosure





May 28, 1975

## Office of the White House Press Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

## FLAG DAY AND NATIONAL FLAG WEEK, 1975

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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GERALD R. FORD

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARGUERITE McAULIFFE

The President has signed a Proclamation entitled:

"Flag Day and National Flag Week, 1975"

(Flag Day: June 14

Flag Week: week beginning June 8, 1975)



*Robert D. Linder*  
Robert D. Linder *jr.*