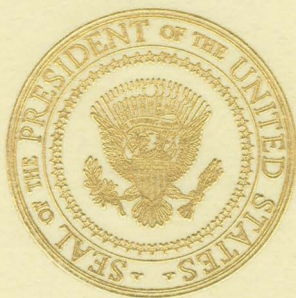


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## General Pulaski's Memorial Day, 1974

*By the President of the United States of America*

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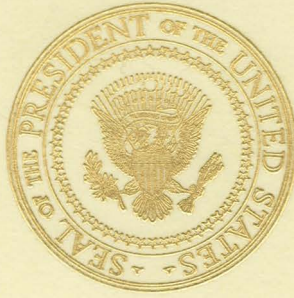
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

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TO: *Marguerite*  
FROM: WILLIAM J. BAROODY, JR.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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FOR YOUR COMMENTS

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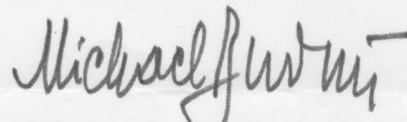
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Dear Mr. Baroody,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of October 24, 1974, together with a copy of the Proclamation signed by President Ford, designating October 11th as General Pułaski's Memorial Day, 1974.

I am most grateful to receive a copy of this Proclamation as a remembrance of this traditional occasion, which has been accompanied by the kind good wishes of the President. Please be good enough to assure the President, on behalf of our Institute and all our Members, that we heartily reciprocate those wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Michael Budny  
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 9, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Marguerite McAuliffe

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"General Pulaski's Memorial Day, 1974"



*Robert D. Linder*

Robert D. Linder

OCTOBER 10, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

GENERAL PULASKI'S MEMORIAL DAY, 1974

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GERALD R. FORD

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10/16/74

Spoke with Maggie Katijski of the Polish  
American Congress. She will send  
list.





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 23, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM: MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE *m*

Please arrange to have the attached letter robotyped to the individuals on the enclosed list for the Pulaski Day Proclamation.

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President Ford recently signed a Proclamation designating October 11th as General Pulaski's Memorial Day, 1974. In his Proclamation the President states, ". . . we pay grateful tribute to the heroic sacrifice of Casimir Pulaski. And as we do so, we also pay tribute to all Americans of Polish ancestry whose talents, energies, and devotion to freedom have contributed greatly to the growth of this Nation since the earliest days."

The President asked that I send you the enclosed duplicate of his Proclamation as a small remembrance of this occasion. It comes to you with his very best wishes.



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