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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
October 8, 1976

ACTION

Last Day: October 18

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM CANNON *Jim Cannon*
SUBJECT: H.J. Res. 1008 - National Volunteer Firemen Week

*Revised
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Attached for your consideration is H.J. Res. 1008, sponsored by Representative Carney.

The enrolled resolution authorizes and requests you to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning October 3, 1976 as "National Volunteer Firemen Week". Attached at Tab A is OMB's enrolled bill report.

Attached at Tab B is a copy of the proclamation which you signed on October 7.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.J. Res. 1008 at Tab C.





EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

OCT 8 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Resolution H.J. Res. 1008 - National Volunteer
Firemen Week
Sponsor - Rep. Carney (D) Ohio

Last Day for Action

October 18, 1976 - Monday

Recommend approval as soon as possible since the designated week is October 3, 1976 to October 9, 1976.

Purpose

Authorizes the President to designate the week beginning October 3, 1976, as "National Volunteer Firemen Week."

Agency Recommendation

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Discussion

H.J. Res. 1008 authorizes and requests you to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning October 3, 1976, and ending October 9, 1976, as "National Volunteer Firemen Week." The proclamation would also call upon the American people to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The House Committee report indicates that "the proclamation would seek to bring recognition to our country's one million volunteer firefighters whose skills in applying life-supporting techniques and their awareness of fire safety precautions provide lifesaving service to the people of this country."

A draft proclamation has been forwarded to the White House for your consideration.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference



Enclosures

OCTOBER 3, 1976

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIREMEN WEEK

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Throughout America, especially in small towns, communities, and in rural areas, approximately one million volunteer firefighters outnumber fulltime paid firefighters by about four to one.

From the beginning of our Nation's history, they have risked, and often sacrificed, their lives fighting fires in their communities with no expectation of financial reward. This unselfish concern for life and property is a manifestation of the best in the American character.

In recognition of the enormous contributions made by these volunteers, the House (September 21, 1976) and the Senate (October 1, 1976) have requested that the President proclaim the week of October 3, 1976, as National Volunteer Firemen Week (H.J. Res. 1008).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning October 3, 1976, and ending October 9, 1976, as National Volunteer Firemen Week.

As requested by the Congress, I call upon the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of October, 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.

GERALD R. FORD

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIREMEN WEEK

SEPTEMBER 14, 1976.—Ordered to be printed

Mrs. SCHROEDER, from the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.J. Res. 1008]

The Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 1008) authorizing the President to proclaim the week beginning October 3, 1976, and ending October 9, 1976, as "National Volunteer Firemen Week," having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the joint resolution do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of House Joint Resolution 1008 is to authorize and to request the President to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning October 3, 1976, and ending October 9, 1976, as "National Volunteer Week." The proclamation would seek to bring recognition to our country's one million volunteer firefighters whose skills in applying life-supporting techniques and their awareness of fire safety precautions provide lifesaving service to the people of this country.

COMMITTEE ACTION

This resolution was introduced by Congressman Charles Carney on July 1, 1976, and has been endorsed by 248 Members of the House of Representatives.

It was ordered reported by the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service on September 9, 1976, by a unanimous voice vote.

STATEMENT

The Committee, in recommending enactment of this resolution, notes that there are approximately one million volunteer firefighters in the United States today. While many municipalities now depend exclusively on the use of paid firefighters, volunteers still outnumber full-time paid firefighters by about 4 to 1. Some large cities continue to

reinforce full-time fire departments with volunteers, while many small towns and rural areas have only volunteers.

Throughout our history, these men have risked, and often sacrificed, their lives fighting fires in their communities with no expectation of financial reward. Their contributions and efforts do not stop while they are on duty. Volunteer firefighters play an important role at their regular places of employment, especially in industrial plants, large office buildings, hospitals, and other places where there are heavy concentrations of people.

The Committee believes that it is most appropriate that this recognition take place in coordination with a recent Presidential proclamation, "Fire Prevention Week", as a reminder of our Nation that we should give thanks to the dedicated services which volunteer firefighters perform.

NO ADDITIONAL COST WILL BE INCURRED BY ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION
COMPLIANCE WITH CLAUSE 2(1) (3) OF RULE XI

With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1) (3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives—

(A) The Subcommittee on Census and Population is vested under the Committee Rules with legislative and oversight jurisdiction and responsibility over the subject matter of H.J. Res. 1008 and made no specific findings and recommendations in connection with its oversight responsibilities on this resolution;

(B) The measure does not provide new budget authority or new or increased tax expenditures within the meaning of section 3 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and thus a statement required by section 308(a) of that Act is not necessary;

(C) No estimate or comparison of costs has been received by the Committee from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, pursuant to section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and

(D) The Committee has received no report from the Committee on Government Operations of oversight findings and recommendations arrived at pursuant to clause 2(b) (a) of rule XI.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 2(1) (4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has concluded that since no costs will be incurred under H.J. Res. 1008, no inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy will occur.



Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six*

Joint Resolution

Authorizing the President to proclaim the week beginning October 3, 1976, and ending October 9, 1976, as "National Volunteer Firemen Week".

Whereas volunteer firemen have played an essential role in this country all throughout its history;

Whereas one million of the country's one million two hundred thousand firefighters are volunteer firemen;

Whereas, because of their skills in applying life-supporting techniques and their awareness of fire safety precautions, volunteer firemen play an important role at their regular places of employment, especially in industrial plants, large office buildings, hospitals, and other places where there are heavy concentrations of people; and

Whereas volunteer firemen provide a lifesaving service to the communities in which they live: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning October 3, 1976, and ending October 9, 1976, as "National Volunteer Firemen Week", and calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*