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THE WHITE HOUSE

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National Volunteer Week, 1976

During our Bicentennial year it is especially appropriate that we honor the countless volunteers who have contributed to the development and progress of our society. I hope that all Americans will join me in this special National Volunteer Week observance.

As we reflect on the achievements of two centuries, we draw immeasurable inspiration from the work of the millions of volunteers of all social and economic backgrounds who have worked together to improve the quality of life for all of us.

The National Center for Voluntary Action has significantly expanded the volunteer movement by supporting and stimulating volunteer services and voluntary organizations in their valuable social work. In so doing, the National Center, along with other groups, helps to ensure that a great tradition from which we have derived much of our vitality and strength in the past will continue to be with us in our next century.

Gerald R. Ford

