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Space Exploration Day, 1976

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

In the last two decades of our Nation's second century, we entered upon the exploration of yet another frontier—the corridors of space. Seven years ago, on July 20, 1969, this great national effort culminated in a transmission to Earth from a quarter million miles distance—"the Eagle has landed."

The world watched in awe as an American took his historic one small step onto the Moon. A dream of thousands of years had been realized. In keeping with tradition, the American presence in that new land was symbolized by the planting of the Stars and Stripes, which proclaimed the benefits of human freedom for the entire universe.

The space programs reflect not only technological skill of the highest order, they reflect the best in the American character—sacrifice, ingenuity and our unrelenting spirit of adventure. We begin our third century with a further expression of that combination, the brilliant unmanned mission to Mars, the most ambitious of all deep space explorations.

In celebrating the Bicentennial, we have gloried as a people in the history of a great and successful venture in the human experience. We gave thanks for our blessings and offered prayers for the future. It is appropriate that we again call upon Divine Providence for guidance and protection in our quest of space and those endless horizons in all the centuries to come.

As we once set about to conquer the wilderness and settle our continent, now we set out upon a journey into the unknown of our universe. Wherever we reach, we will have come in peace for all mankind.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, July 20, 1976, as Space Exploration Day. I urge all Americans, and interested groups and organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 31, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARGARITE MCAULIFF

FROM: DENNIS BARNES *Dennis Barnes*

SUBJECT: 50 COPIES OF PROCLAMATION FOR
SPACE EXPLORATION DAY

Attached is a list of 50 names to receive a copy of the Space Exploration Day Proclamation signed by the President.

Thank you for your assistance.

Attachment.



September 2, 1976

Dear

President Ford recently signed a Proclamation for Space Exploration Day, 1976. In his Proclamation the President states, "The space programs reflect not only technological skill of the highest order, they reflect the best in the American character -- sacrifice, ingenuity and our unrelenting spirit of adventure."

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

Sincerely,

William J. Baroody, Jr.
Assistant to the President

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



Kathy Riley at NASA

755-3936

needs a Space Day
Proclamation for a
friend of Dr. Fletcher.

5606 Overlea Rd.
Washington, D.C. 20016

September 19, 1976



Dear Mr. Baroody,

My thanks to you for sending me a copy of the Space Exploration Day Proclamation. I have already shared it with my children and grandchildren.

Please express my deep appreciation to President Ford for his kindness in wanting me to have a copy of the Proclamation.

As you know, the U. S. space program has been an important factor in my life for many years.


"WJB has seen"

and I shall always treasure
this Proclamation.

Sincerely,
Lizzie Dryden
(Mrs. Hugh L.)


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1976

MEMO FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT
FROM: MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE 
SUBJECT: Space Exploration Day

Please arrange to have the attached letter
robo-typed to the individuals on the enclosed
list for the Space Exploration Day Proclamation.

Thanks very much.



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