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35TH ANNIVERSARY OF GERALD R. FORD SWEARING IN AS PRESIDENT

*I have not sought this enormous responsibility, but I will not shirk it. Those who nominated and confirmed me as Vice President were my friends and are my friends. They were of both parties, elected by all the people and acting under the Constitution in their name. It is only fitting then that I should pledge to them and to you that I will be the President of all the people.*

-Gerald R. Ford, August 9, 1974

Sunday, August 9, marks the 35th Anniversary of Gerald R. Ford being sworn in as our nation's 38th President. Ford took the reigns of the nation under extraordinary circumstances when a disgraced Richard Nixon resigned from office, amidst the unfolding of the Watergate Scandal.

President Ford not only had to deal with the legal issues of his predecessor, but the issues that faced the nation in 1974. America was entrenched in the Vietnam War while on the home front there were issues of unemployment, inflation and oil shortages. As president, Ford kept the promises of his inaugural address. He did not shirk the enormous responsibilities given to him. He strove to find the best solutions possible, even if the resolution was not popular.

President Ford passed away on December 26, 2006.

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