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THE WHITE HOUSE

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National Newspaper Week, 1975

"Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press." These words of Thomas Jefferson have just as much meaning for all of us today as we celebrate National Newspaper Week.

During this traditional tribute, we salute the thousands of publications which have helped keep our people informed and alert to current local, national and international issues. We applaud the men and women whose responsibility, accuracy and professional excellence have made these publications possible. We commend them on their important and unceasing quest for truth and understanding. And we honor the many others who contribute daily to the vitality and strength of the free press that is the mainstay of our democratic life.

I urge every fellow citizen to devote some thought in the course of this observance to the challenging and enormous task of those who have worked to make our free press respected and admired around the world.

Gerald R. Ford

