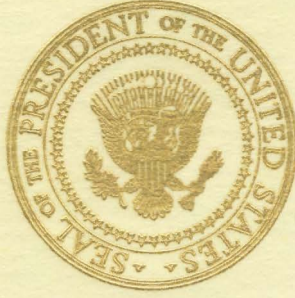


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Child Health Day, 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

For more than four decades, America has set aside a special day each year to emphasize the importance of child health.

In these decades, we have written a story of significant progress in child health, as the national infant mortality rate has been sharply cut and many childhood diseases have been conquered or diminished in their severity. For many handicapped children, in particular, advances in surgical techniques and treatment have created new hope for happy, productive lives.

We can be proud of this progress. Yet, as every parent knows, the threat of serious disease still hangs over the lives of our children, striking fear in the hearts of those who love and cherish them. Our challenge—and the one to which this Administration will be committed—is to continue steadfastly in reducing the health hazards to children through adequate programs which will assure their continued good health throughout childhood.

The Congress has, by the Joint Resolution of May 18, 1928 (36 U.S.C. 143), requested that the President of the United States annually issue a proclamation declaring the first Monday in October as Child Health Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 7, 1974, as Child Health Day.

I invite all agencies and organizations concerned with child health to unite upon that day in the observance of such activities as will accelerate our progress towards the promotion and protection of child health.

In addition, Child Health Day is an appropriate time to salute the work which the United Nations, through its specialized agencies and the United Nations Children's Fund, is doing to improve the health of the children around the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

Gerald R. Ford



Child Health Day, 1975

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

In the years since 1928, when Child Health Day was first proclaimed, our concept of health has acquired new dimensions. No longer do we consider health merely the timely treatment and cure of illness. Health now encompasses the prevention of those conditions which can lead to illness.

Scientific technology and medical research have given us many new tools to help in the essential tasks of preventing illness or conditions which can cripple. Thanks to vaccines which have been developed in recent decades, poliomyelitis is no longer the widespread crippler it once was. Children can now be protected against measles and the risk of death or brain damage resulting from this disease. Immunization against rubella not only protects young children, but also protects pregnant women from contracting the disease and risking the mental health of their unborn children.

Future challenge includes prevention of such divergent problems as birth abnormality, the battered child syndrome and the teen-age alcoholic, drug addict or criminal.

In our Bicentennial year as a Nation, we are charting a course for the future that will enable us to complete the American dream. We can be certain that future scientific discoveries will help to control and conquer other conditions which now cripple or otherwise handicap children. For the present, each of us must resolve to apply the knowledge and the means now at hand for the fullest protection of our children's health.

As an expression of its concern, the Congress, by joint resolution (36 U.S.C. 143), has asked the President to designate the first Monday in October as Child Health Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do proclaim Monday, October 6, 1975, as Child Health Day.

I ask American parents on Child Health Day this year to place special emphasis on ensuring protection for their children against all diseases for which safe and effective vaccines are now available.

I call upon all citizens, agencies and organizations interested in child welfare to promote and observe appropriate activities, especially those which emphasize the preventive immunizations so necessary for proper health care.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of American the two hundredth.

Gerald R. Ford



Child Health Day, 1976

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

In this year of our Bicentennial we have in many ways expressed our pride in the heritage which our forebears have bequeathed to us. But we are not solely heirs to this great legacy; we are also trustees. Our responsibility is to protect, preserve, and enhance it in anticipation of the day when our children will assume responsibility for the perpetuation of the ideals which have sustained this republic for two centuries.

It is our task to insure that they are prepared for that day. To that end, our concern for their health and well-being cannot be overstated. Our concern is reflected in our continuing efforts to reduce infant mortality, eliminate childhood diseases and handicaps, and expand preventive health services. The challenges of poliomyelitis, measles, and rubella led to the development of vaccines. Our resolution has been tested by the challenges of birth abnormality, child abuse, and teenage alcoholism and drug abuse.

We have learned of steps prospective mothers can take during the prenatal period to lessen the likelihood their children will suffer from the tragedy of mental retardation, and we must assure that this vital information is available. We must continue to explore those avenues of basic and applied research necessary to assure that every child will be born with the physical and mental capacity to participate fully in our national life.

To encourage awareness of the fundamental necessity of a year-round program for the protection and development of the health of the Nation's children, the Congress, by joint resolution of May 18, 1928, as amended (36 U.S.C. 143), has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the first Monday in October as Child Health Day and calling for its appropriate observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 4, 1976, as Child Health Day and I invite all Americans, as well as all agencies and organizations dedicated to the well-being of children, to unite on that day in support of activities that will alert each of us to our separate and collective responsibilities to protect and enhance the health of America's children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-second day of September, 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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 4, 1976

MEMO FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT *Claro*
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Please arrange to have the attached letter
robo-typed to the individuals on the enclosed
list for the Child Health Proclamation.

Thanks very much.



THE WHITE HOUSE

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September 30, 1976

Dear

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

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Assistant to the President

Enclosure



January 6, 1975

Dear Dr. Bridge:

Thank you for your letter of December 20th regarding the President's Child Health Day Proclamation.

Ceremonial copies of proclamations, such as the one which you received, are sent to individuals by us on behalf of the President as a token of appreciation for their contributions in an area of importance to our national life. They are also distributed to organizations for use in connection with events they may be holding to highlight a particular observance.

The Child Health Day Proclamation has been issued by the President annually since 1928 at the request of Congress. The purpose is to focus national attention on the many advancements that have been made and the work that remains to be done in the treatment of children's diseases. Your name was included on our list of 46 recipients in recognition of your efforts on the Committee on Indian Health of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

With best wishes,

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October 31, 1974

Theodore C. Marrs, M.D.
Special Assistant to the President
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Marrs:

Enclosed please find mailing labels to our committee chairmen; I also made a Xerox copy of the list for your files.

Also enclosed are the labels for the Committee on Indian Health.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Toby J. Zimmer".

Toby J. Zimmer
Secretary to Dr. Lockhart

Enc:

November 4, 1974

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Enclosure



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