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## Law Day, U.S.A., 1975

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

We cannot cherish justice and liberty unless we respect the law.

In order to preserve and strengthen our cherished freedoms, it is appropriate that we reaffirm the fundamental principle of justice through law for all Americans. We can do so in many ways and in many places—in the library and classroom, through grassroots civic and political work, and through a heightened awareness of the American system of law making and law enforcement. Let each of us reaffirm our devotion to and respect for the legal process without which neither life nor liberty would be secure.

Congress has requested that the first day of May of each year be proclaimed Law Day, U.S.A. (75 Stat. 43; 36 U.S.C. 164); and, that the American people be asked to celebrate that day in appreciation for the liberties we have acquired and preserved under the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, invite the people of the United States to observe Thursday, May 1, 1975, with appropriate programs and ceremonies, as Law Day, U.S.A. I especially urge that schools, libraries, churches, civic and service organizations, public bodies, the courts, the legal profession and the communications media take the lead in sponsoring, participating in, and publicizing suitable observances throughout the Nation. And I call upon all public officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on that day.

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

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Throughout our history, the preservation of those individual rights has been dependent upon our dedication to the rule of law.

To encourage the cultivation of that respect for law which is so vital to the spirit of democracy, the Congress, by Joint Resolution approved April 7, 1961 (75 Stat. 43, 36 U.S.C. 164), has requested the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to celebrate the first day of May as Law Day, U.S.A.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, invite the American people to celebrate Saturday, May 1, 1976, as Law Day, U.S.A., and to mark its observance with programs and ceremonies as befits our great heritage of 200 years of liberty and law.

I urge clergymen of all faiths to bring to public attention through sermons and suitable programs the moral and ethical dimensions of the law.

I urge also that schools, civic and service organizations, public bodies, libraries, the courts, the legal profession and the communications media participate in the observance of Law Day. And I call upon all public officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on that day.

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

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February 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARGUERITE McAULIFFE  
FROM: ROBERT D. LINDER

When the Proclamation for Law Day, 1975 is issued, please send a ceremonial copy of the proclamation to the following-named person:

Mr. Dean Jenks  
Director of Special Events  
American Bar Association  
1155 East 60th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60637



Thank you.

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*Marguerite -  
a gentle reminder  
Kate*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

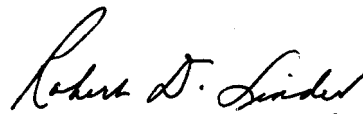
April 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARGUERITE McAULIFFE

The President has signed Proclamations entitled:

"Law Day, U. S. A., 1975"  
(Thursday, May 1, 1975)

"National Defense Transportation Day and  
National Transportation Week, 1975"  
(Day: Friday, May 16, 1975  
Week: Week beginning May 11, 1975)

  
Robert D. Linder