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### **Proclamation 3898**

**LAW DAY, U.S.A., 1969**

**By the President of the United States of America**

#### **A Proclamation**

The first day of May has been set aside by the Congress of the United States as LAW DAY, U.S.A. It is a special day to be observed by the American people in appreciation of their liberties and national independence. It is an occasion for rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under law.

There was never a greater need for such rededication. Events of recent years—rising crime rates, urban rioting, and violent campus protests—have impeded rather than advanced social justice.

We must reverse the upward trend of lawlessness in our land. We must bring forward in America our faith in ourselves and in our country and its future. We must move forward to a new era of peace and progress in which our great resources can be utilized to end poverty and injustice and to achieve greater opportunities for all Americans.

Achievement of these goals does not depend upon the acts of government alone; it depends in substantial part upon the attitude and actions of each of us. We must recognize a clear duty to obey the laws, to respect the rights of others, to resolve controversies by lawful means, to become responsive and responsible citizens.

Unequal justice is no justice at all, unenforced laws are worse than no laws at all; that is why equal justice under law is the bedrock of the American system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to observe Thursday, May 1, 1969, as Law Day in the United States of America with appropriate public ceremonies and by the reaffirmation of their dedication to our form of government and the supremacy of law in our lives. I especially urge the legal profession, the schools and educational institutions, civic and service organizations, all media of public information, and the courts to take the lead in sponsoring and participating in appropriate observances throughout the Nation.

And, as requested by the Congress, I direct the appropriate Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all public buildings on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-third.



**Proclamation 3899**

**SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH, 1969**

**By the President of the United States of America**

**A Proclamation**

There are today 20 million Americans who are 65 years of age or older.

The older Americans in our midst have been pioneers and builders during a period of dramatic change and severe testing. They remind us of the moral values and personal qualities which have been the basis of our national achievements. Having learned to live with change and challenge, they offer us, now and for the future, a valuable resource of skill and of wisdom.

We are grateful for scientific advances which have given us the longest life expectancy in the history of the world. But we must also be concerned with the quality of that longer life span.

It is therefore fitting that each year we designate one month in honor of older Americans. This is a special time to express our appreciation to older citizens for their services to the Nation, to recognize their potential for further contribution, and to consider whether we are doing all we can to assure their full participation in the adventures of our time and in the affluence of our society.

The continuing theme for this special month is **MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF THE LATER YEARS**. This year, particular emphasis will be given to the concept of **PARTNERSHIP** in meeting that challenge: partnership among all levels of government, partnership with voluntary organizations, and partnership among Americans of all ages. In addition, the Federal Government's Administration on Aging, in cooperation with the National Safety Council, will conduct an action program on accident prevention and safety for the older generation.

The concerns we express during this special month should also guide us throughout the year. For there is still much pioneering work to be done, work in which all age groups must join as full partners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the month of May 1969 as Senior Citizens Month.**

I invite the Governors of all the States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the officers of the Federal, State, and local governments, the heads of voluntary and private groups, and all Americans every-