the arts, and every other human endeavor. They are building economic and
technological bridges across the Pacific and beyond, which will ensure
America’s leadership well into the next millennium. These sons and
daughters of Cambodia, China, Indonesia, India, Japan, Korea, Laos, the
Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, and so many other Asian and Pacific lands
have enriched our national life and culture with their energy and talents,
with their commitment to family and community, and with their enduring
reverence for freedom.
As we approach the 21st century, Asian and Pacific Americans are playing
an increasingly important role in the life of our Nation, helping us to main-
tain our leadership in the global economy. More important, they are inspir-
ing us to embrace the wider world, to recognize and appreciate the blessing
of our great diversity, and to become one America.
To honor the accomplishments of Asian and Pacific Americans and to rec-
ognize their many contributions to our Nation, the Congress, by Public Law
102-450, has designated the month of May as “Asian/Pacific American
Heritage Month.”
NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United
States of America, do hereby proclaim May 1998 as Asian/Pacific American
Heritage Month. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this
month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of
April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and of
the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and
twenty-second.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

Proclamation 7090 of May 1, 1998


By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation
In 1787, when the founders of this great Nation set forth the guiding prin-
ciples of our new democracy in the Preamble to the Constitution, among
their primary goals was to “establish Justice.” These visionary American
leaders revered the law, understanding that its proper practice would si-
multaneously free us and protect us, enabling us to steer a steady course
between the opposing dangers of tyranny and anarchy. Today, our country,
built upon the foundation of equal justice for all, is renowned throughout
the world for legally enshrining fundamental human rights. Recognizing
the importance of law to the life of our Nation, we set aside one day each
year to reflect on our judicial system and to celebrate both the security and
the freedom it guarantees.
Our laws ensure that the rights set forth in the Constitution and its Amend-
ments are protected in our everyday lives: our right to worship as we
choose, to speak freely, to vote in free elections, to be safe from arbitrary
arrest. Justice for all is central to our democracy, and we must strive to en-
sure that all Americans have equal access to the judicial system. Unfortunately, each year many of our most vulnerable citizens are denied the legal assistance they need because they cannot afford it.

I am proud that our Federal Government is making an investment to address this problem through the work of the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). For almost 25 years, the LSC has funded local offices that give our citizens access to the legal help they need to secure child support, escape domestic violence, or fight unscrupulous lenders. Last year alone, 4 million poor Americans, the majority of whom were women and children, were helped by LSC offices.

Without laws, our democracy would wither; without access to our legal system, there can be no true justice. We must affirm and strengthen our national legal services system to ensure that all Americans have an equal opportunity to enjoy the rights and liberties guaranteed in our Constitution. As we observe Law Day, let us reaffirm our faith in the rule of law and strive to secure justice for all our people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, in accordance with Public Law 87-20 of April 7, 1961, do hereby proclaim May 1, 1998, as Law Day. I urge the people of the United States to consider anew how our laws protect our freedoms and contribute to our national well-being. I call upon members of the legal profession, civic associations, educators, librarians, public officials, and the media to promote the observance of this day with appropriate programs and activities. I also call upon public officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings throughout the day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-second.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

Proclamation 7091 of May 1, 1998

Loyalty Day, 1998

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

More than two centuries ago, our Nation’s founders, with clear vision and courageous hearts, fashioned a new form of government for our new country. They created a government that honors human dignity and protects individual rights—a democracy strong enough to withstand external threats, secure enough to allow dissent from within, and responsive enough to help our citizens achieve their dreams. In doing so, America’s founders created a Nation that inspired loyalty from its citizens and gave hope to oppressed peoples around the world.

Since then, generations of Americans have reaffirmed their loyalty and devotion to our country. During times of war, Americans have fought and died to defend our liberty and promote the ideals of democracy. In times