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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 17, 1981

FOR:

FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: J. MICHAEL LUTTIG

SUBJECT: National Guard Day Proclamation

I have reviewed the attached, above-referenced proclamation. I find no legal problems, nor problems of form. It even is fairly well written.

I recommend that you approve it as to form and legality. Attached for your signature is a memorandum to Richard G. Darman, noting your approval.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

September 17, 1981

FOR:

RICHARD G. DARMAN

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

FRED F. FIELDING

COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: National Guard Day Proclamation

I have reviewed the attached, above-referenced proclamation and I approve it as to form and legality.

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Legislative Affairs concurs in Congressman Latta's request that a National Guard Day proclamation be issued. Please provide any views you may have by C.O.B. 9/18.

Allen W. Locke for

Richard G. Darman
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 9, 1981

FOR:

WILLIAM M. NICHOLS

GENERAL COUNSEL

THRU:

MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN L

SUBJECT:

Congressman Delbert L. Latta's request

National Guard Day Proclamation

Legislative Affairs concurs in the issuance of a National Guard Day Proclamation in accordance with the request of Congressman Del Latta (correspondence attached). Please initiate the appropriate action and keep me posted.

Thank you for your assistance.

Congress of the United States House of Representatives Muslington, D.C. 20515

June 15, 1981

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan President of the United States The White House Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Mr. President:

On October 7th, 1981, the National Guard will celebrate another anniversary -- 345 years ago, the First Militia Regiment of the Massachusetts Bay Colony was organized to enable the colonists to defend themselves and their settlement. That step toward citizen self-defense was the beginning of our National Guard, the oldest military organization in the United States.

Mr. President, in recognition of the debt of gratitude owed by the people of the United States to those who serve as members of the National Guard, I believe it most fitting if you would proclaim October 7th, 1981, as National Guard Day.

I am of the opinion that while such proclamations may have little tangible value, they do cause the public to remember—the citizen—soldiers' contributions to our country. It is exemplified by those who stand prepared to leave their civilian occupations, don the uniform of their Country and serve their States and their Nation when the need arises.

With my best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

DELBERT L. LATTA Representative to Congress



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

AUG 27 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

MICHAEL J. HOROWITZ

COUNSEL TO THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL GUARD DAY, 1981

Enclosed is a draft proclamation which would designate October 7, 1981, as National Guard Day. It was submitted at our request by the National Guard Bureau, and has been changed in this office in minor editorial respect.

Although this proclamation is not called for by any enacted resolution by the Congress, its issuance is strongly urged by Congressmen Latta, Webber and Robinson, respectively. In addition, its issuance is recommended by the White House Office of Legislative Affairs (see attached memo).

Under the circumstances, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget concurs in the issuance of this proposed proclamation.

Enclosures

NATIONAL GUARD DAY, 1981

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

Over three hundred and forty-five years ago, the first settlers organized into Militia units to defend their new homes and lives against the unexpected in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. With these first units the tradition of the citizen-soldier was born and took root in America, a tradition exemplified by the willingness of your neighbors and mine to leave their civilian occupations, don the uniform of their country, and serve their States and their Nation when the need arises.

These citizen-soldiers camped with Washington at Valley Forge and charged up San Juan Hill. They fought in the Meuse-Argonne and on Omaha Beach. Since World War II, mobilized segments of the National Guard have played a significant role in every major American crisis or conflict including Korea, Berlin, Cuba and Vietnam. When called upon by their country they have always been ready to serve.

When disaster has struck in time of peace, the Guard has always been ready to serve, whether in the flood waters of Johnstown or on the slopes of Mt. St. Helens. The Guard has been responsible for saving countless lives and millions of dollars of property and equipment by its quick responses and efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, ask all Americans to celebrate Wednesday, October 7, 1981, as National Guard Day and to honor the Army and Air National Guard of the United States for service to their communities, to their States and to their Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this

day of , in the year of our Lord

nineteen hundred and eighty-one, and of the Independence of

the United States of America the two hundred and sixth.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

September 17, 1981

FOR:

RICHARD G. DARMAN

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

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