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National Theatre Week, 1986

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

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Theatre lets us stand apart from the flow of life: to feel pity and understanding and empathy; to smile at human foibles and to weep at human tragedies. Theatre is an art form for all seasons and all moods. It can refresh our spirits with comic hijinks, dazzle us with the splendor of pageantry, and impart rich insights into human relationships. It can convulse us into gales of laughter, wring our hearts with pathos, and dramatize eternal moral truths. In the works of such giants as Shakespeare, Goethe, Moliere, and O'Neill it can do all these things.

In one respect theatre is an art of the present moment—once performed it is gone, save in the memory of the audience. Yet new productions and performances give it a kind of ever-renewed immortality. It can put us in touch with the culture, conditions, and viewpoints of many civilizations. Indeed, theatre is at once a reminder and an affirmation of the continuity of civilization and the fundamental unity of all mankind.

That continuity is manifested not only in performances of plays of the past, but also in the attempts of modern artists to give voice to the conditions and experiences of our own time. These efforts, in turn, will enrich the legacy we will leave to future generations.

Today, theatre exists not only in the traditional cultural centers of our country but all across the land. Theatre at all levels—professional, community, and school—has sprung up in every region of our country. There is no greater testimony to mankind's need for theatre than this. Today we are experiencing a renaissance of the living theatre, with great gains in artistic excellence, in aesthetic variety and diversity of cultural voices—and in growing and loyal audiences throughout America.

In recognition of the importance of theatre in the lives of all Americans, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 247, has authorized the President to proclaim the week of June 1 through June 7, 1986, as "National Theatre Week."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning June 1, 1986, as National Theatre Week. I encourage the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, performances, programs, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and tenth.

Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1986

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The proclamations on National Theatre
Week, 1986, have been forwarded to:

Ms. Joan Shantz
Director
Office of Public Information
National Endowment for the Arts
Room 803
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20506

That office will see to appropriate
distribution of the proclamations.



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WASHINGTON

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May 29, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PETER J. WALLISON
ALFRED H. KINGON
WILL BALL
JACK SVAHN
MITCH DANIELS
PAT BUCHANAN
FRED RYAN (FYI)

FROM:

(for) Phil Nicolaides
ANNE HIGGINS
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SUBJECT:

(DRAFT PROCLAMATION)

National Neighborhood Housing
Services Week

Attached for your review is the above mentioned proclamation designating the week beginning June 1, 1986, as National Neighborhood Housing Services Week.

It was submitted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and edited/revised by this office.

(IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED.) Written response required by no later than close of business, Thursday, May 29, 1986. For routine clearance, call Loesje Tobin, extension 7610. For questions or discussion, call Phil Nicolaides, extension 7610.

Thank you.

cc: Ron Geisler

NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES WEEK, 1986

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America's neighborhoods are made up of families representing a great variety of ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds. From this rich mix of cultures and experiences, a strong sense of cooperation and commitment has emerged that enhances our sense of the Nation as a larger family of people caring for one another. As we complete our preparations for the national celebration of the centennial of the Statue of Liberty this July 4, we are made even more aware of the special blessings, the strengths, and the virtues that flow from our long heritage of welcoming and drawing on the experiences of people from diverse backgrounds to make our free society ever more dynamic, cohesive, and productive.

When any neighborhood suffers from decline due to loss of business or other factors, all of its residents feel the pinch, but the elderly and the poor suffer most. Homes decline in value, economic growth stops, businesses relocate, and residents face real hardships. The Nation as a whole suffers, since thriving neighborhoods are the living cells of our national life. That is why it is so important to arrest the deterioration and revive the strength and vigor of America's neighborhoods.

Traditionally, Americans have recognized such problems and have worked together to develop practical solutions at the grass-roots level. Neighborhood Housing Services programs, which are partnerships made up of local residents, business leaders, and government officials, reflect this spirit and give scope to the ingenuity of the American people. Throughout the United States, Neighborhood Housing Services programs are working to revitalize more than 200 neighborhoods. Already, they have generated more than three billion dollars

in reinvestment funds. Rather than looking to the Federal government for assistance, these programs have relied primarily on local and private resources and the help of hundreds of volunteers. These volunteers have contributed countless hours of work to help rebuild and revitalize neighborhoods.

The efforts and accomplishments of Neighborhood Housing Services programs have earned the respect and gratitude of all who recognize that local initiatives and self-reliance will always be the major factor in solving local problems. It is fitting and appropriate that their efforts be recognized by all Americans.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 492, has designated the week beginning June 1, 1986, as "National Neighborhood Housing Services Week" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning June 1, 1986, as National Neighborhood Housing Services Week. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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Traditionally, Americans have recognized such problems and have worked together to develop practical solutions at the grass-roots level. Neighborhood Housing Services programs, which are partnerships made up of local residents, business leaders, and government officials, reflect this spirit and give scope to the ingenuity of the American people. Throughout the United States, Neighborhood Housing Services programs are working to revitalize more than 200 neighborhoods. Already, they have generated more than three billion dollars in reinvestment funds. Rather than looking to the Federal government for assistance, these programs have relied primarily on local and private resources and the help of hundreds of volunteers. These volunteers have contributed countless hours of work to help rebuild and revitalize neighborhoods.

The efforts and accomplishments of Neighborhood Housing Services programs have earned the respect and gratitude of all who recognize that local initiatives and self-reliance will always be the major factor in solving local problems. It is fitting and appropriate that their efforts be recognized by all Americans.

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America's neighborhoods are comprised of individuals who represent a great variety of ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds. From this diversity of cultures and experiences, a strong sense of cooperation and commitment has resulted in the types of positive relationships that are so essential to the success and vitality of our Nation. As we complete our preparations for the national celebration of the centennial of the Statue of Liberty, which will take place during this year's 4th of July festivities, we are made even more aware of the special blessings, the strengths, and the virtues which flow from our long heritage of welcoming and drawing on the experiences of people from diverse backgrounds to make democracy a living and dynamic reality.

When a neighborhood suffers from a decline in its physical characteristics or from loss of businesses, all of its residents, but particularly the elderly and the poor, suffer. Homes decline in value, economic growth stops, businesses relocate, and residents face a loss in the quality of their lives. The Nation as a whole suffers, since viable neighborhoods are the cornerstone of our country. Therefore, reversing the pattern and direction of such deterioration is important in maintaining the strength and value of America's neighborhoods in order to meet basic human needs and to promote a positive climate for neighborhood life and businesses.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

May 27, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: John H. Carley *JHC by JFC*
General Counsel

SUBJECT: Proposed Proclamation Entitled "National
Neighborhood Housing Services Week"

Pursuant to House Joint Resolution 492, the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation which would designate the week beginning June 1, 1986 as "National Neighborhood Housing Services Week".

The proposed proclamation was prepared by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and has been revised in this office as to minor editorial changes and as to format.

The proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Attachment

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
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- Take necessary action
- Approval or signature
- Comment
- Prepare reply
- Discuss with me
- For your information
- See remarks below

FROM Jack Carley *JHC v. JHC*

DATE 5/23/86

REMARKS

National Neighborhood Housing Services

Inquiries with respect to the attached draft proclamation should be directed to:

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Department of Housing and
Urban Development
755-7093