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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 2, 1982

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PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Reid read a Proclamation proclaiming "Flag Day" in the City of Lodi

P R O C L A M A T I O N

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The Flag, as we salute it today, is an emblem that evolved through various stages, varied designs, and assorted appearances. Again reflecting the growth and changes of the country, as well as its people.

To commemorate the anniversary of its adoption on June 14, 1777, Congress has set aside the 21 days from Flag Day through Independence Day as a period to honor America.

By displaying the national colors during this 21 day salute to America, we symbolize a united democracy through this badge of freedom and independence.

Therefore, by virtue of the powers vested in this office, I do hereby proclaim the twenty-one days, Flag Day through Independence Day, as a period to Honor America, that there be public gatherings and activities at which the people can celebrate and honor their country in an appropriate manner.

Signed in the City of Lodi this 2nd day of June, 1982.

MAYOR



PROCLAMATION

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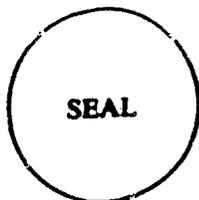
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FLAG DAY through INDEPENDENCE DAY

June 14 - July 4, 1982

HONOR AMERICA A Program of the
American Historic and Cultural Society, Inc.
520 Pennsylvania Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20004

FLAG DAY through INDEPENDENCE DAY



MONDAY JUNE 14 THROUGH SUNDAY JULY 4, 1982



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PUBLIC LAW 94-33

Every community, group, and individual may participate in this nation-wide effort by helping the handicapped, by expressing an appreciation for the aged, and by encouraging the young to understand the opportunities, as well as the responsibilities, inherent in our constitutional system. Through such positive action, at least during these 21 days, Americans may then celebrate the Fourth of July with a feeling of accomplishment.

"For those who fought for it, freedom has a flavor—the price of liberty."
--A proposed inscription for the Lincoln Memorial

Honor America

... a continuing program of educating the American people regarding the values of citizenship and their national heritage.

... by stimulating love and admiration for our national history and tradition, pride in the accomplishments of our constitutional form of government.

... suggesting historic ceremonies, parades, fireworks, erection of a flag monument, band concerts, a festival of American folk life, viewing of historic documents in public buildings, contemporary musical entertainments.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS of the United States join in declaring the 21 days as a period to honor America so that freedom loving Americans might demonstrate to the world that while we face problems as individuals, and as a Nation, we are proud of our country and the accomplishments of our constitutional government.

PROCLAMATIONS BY THE GOVERNORS of the 50 states, and other jurisdictions, on the anniversary of independence make these 21 days a meaningful time to honor America with appropriate State House and state-wide celebrations.

MAYORS OF OUR NATION'S CITIES stimulate the spirit of patriotism and respect for individual liberties by calling upon community and political leaders to recognize these days with appropriate observances. Many Mayors initiate local programs by issuing proclamations on Flag Day and on the Fourth of July, and simultaneous release to the media.

LABOR AND BUSINESS LEADERS participate in this annual program. These representatives of our freedom of enterprise society—the blue and white collar workers—remind us of those Founders who argued the structures of our constitutional government into existence. The cooperative spirit of business and labor is part of the success of the system.

VETERANS, RELIGIOUS AND CIVIC organizations having celebrations scheduled for Flag Day and through the Fourth of July are encouraged to continue and to expand these programs to promote America and unity among all Americans.

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, TELEVISION, RADIO AND CABLE are primarily responsible for what you see and hear about the programs to HONOR AMERICA. The cooperation and support of the media is vital to the success of this national effort to point out the educational and historical significance of America's independence and constitutional government. Read the editorials as well as the news columns for ideas and plans; listen to your local radio, watch TV for the "21 DAYS OF AMERICA" a minute each day of American history as depicted in the flags that have flown on this country.

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... AND YOU! Communicate with your community leaders about programs scheduled during this 21-day period. Ask if a proclamation has been issued? What is your employer doing? Union officials? Special services at your place of worship? Town decorations? Games? Parades? Fireworks? Family time ... reunions ... picnics?

Protect it will never know
Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington, D.C.

YOU ARE INVITED to join in this non-partisan program of the American Historic and Cultural Society to **HONOR AMERICA**. You can assist by taking an active role in meeting your community's problems, bearing in mind the common good of the greatest number. Put into practice some of those innovative ideas you've been dreaming up to make life a little more rewarding in your area. Help knit the ties of responsibility and fellowship that strengthen the foundations of America, especially during the 21 days—**FLAG DAY** through **INDEPENDENCE DAY**.

HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS:

- ★ Adopt an **HONOR AMERICA** program in your community
- ★ Encourage the display of the American Flag every day starting on June 14 and continuing through July 4
- ★ Invite retail merchants to include in their advertising an encouragement to their customers to join in local program activities
- ★ Suggest that shopping centers have special displays of historic events and appropriate ceremonial program involving schools, service clubs, patriotic organizations
- ★ Sponsor arts and crafts workshops, study forgotten skills, involve senior citizens, grandchildren learning from grandparents
- ★ Organize folk festivals with traditional food, dance, costumes and music
- ★ Invite professional assistance from your local newspaper, radio and TV stations to help with publicizing and reporting feature events, recording highlights of activities

"We hold this annual celebration to remind ourselves of all the good done in the process of time, of it was done and who did it and how we are historically connected with it. And we go from these meetings in better humor with ourselves—we feel more attached the one to the other and more firmly bound to the country we inhabit."

—Abraham Lincoln, July 4, 1858



The Significance Of This Symbol

Centuries ago, while North America was a vast wilderness, the eagle was esteemed in many parts of the world as a symbol of power, courage and freedom. Rulers displayed this bird as an emblem of authority and unity.

In tribute to the judgment of the Founding Fathers, a variation of this eagle figure was adopted by the American Historic and Cultural Society as the insignia of its continuing program to Honor America.

The characteristic emblem, containing the nation's colors, is an eagle in red and white profiled against a bell-shaped blue background dotted with 13 white stars representing the original American colonies, and all encircled in a ring of 50 gold stars.

The American Historic and Cultural Society, Inc., was established in June 1970 under the laws of the District of Columbia, and its program to increase the knowledge of the American public about its cultural heritage, constitutional government, and history, and to commemorate the anniversary of the independence of the United States of America. It is non-political and non-profit.

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