

mon purpose to join the communities of democracies.

As the united standard bearers of democracy in the Western Hemisphere, we now approach a new century of unprecedented possibilities. Our vision is bold, and our expectations are high. Our cooperative spirit was nurtured through the Summit of the Americas, where we committed ourselves to free trade, representative democracy, relief from poverty, and respect for the environment. We are now collaborating closely with others in the hemisphere to prepare the agenda for the next Summit of the Americas, to be held in Santiago in March 1998. Never before has there been such a window of opportunity to promote a higher standard of living through improved access to quality education and adequate health care. Working together, we can prove that democracy provides the means for improving the daily lives of all the citizens of the Americas.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 14, 1997, as Pan American Day and April 13 through April 19, 1997, as Pan American Week. I urge the Governors of the 50 States, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the officials of other areas under the flag of the United States of America to honor these observances with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-first.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on April 15.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

April 6

The President appointed James B. King to be the Director of the Office of Personnel Management as a recess appointee.

April 7

The President announced the appointment of Ambassador Robert S. Gelbard as the Special Representative of the President and the Secretary of State for Implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords.

The President declared a major disaster in North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe flooding, severe winter storms, heavy spring rain, rapid snowmelt, high winds, ice jams, and ground saturation due to high water tables beginning February 28 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in South Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe flooding, severe winter storms, heavy spring rain, rapid snowmelt, high winds, and ice jams beginning February 3 and continuing.

April 8

The President declared a major disaster in Minnesota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe flooding, severe winter storms, snowmelt, high winds, rain, and ice beginning March 21 and continuing.

April 9

In the afternoon, the President met with Leah Rabin in the Oval Office to discuss the Middle East peace process.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elizabeth Moler as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy.

April 10

The President announced his intention to appoint Katherine Bryan and Howard Torgrove to the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint Diane Asadorian, Albert Abramson, Gerda Klein, and Leonard Wilf to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint James D. Cunningham, Sr., to serve as a member of the National Partnership Council.

The President announced his intention to reappoint Victoria Murphy as a member of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ruth Yone Tamura to serve as a member of the National Museum Services Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Andrew J. Pincus for the position of General Counsel for the Department of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to nominate Yerker Andersson, Gina McDonald, Bonnie O'Day, and Shirley Welsh Ryan to the National Council on Disability.

April 11

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward William Gnehm, Jr., to serve as Director General of the Foreign Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karl F. Inderfurth to serve as an Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted April 7

James B. King, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of 4 years (reappointment), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Submitted April 8

James William Blagg, of Texas, to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas for the term of 4 years, vice Ronald F. Ederer, resigned.

Calvin D. Buchanan, of Mississippi, to be U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for a term of 4 years, vice Robert Q. Whitwell, resigned.

James Allan Hurd, Jr., of the Virgin Islands, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of 4 years, vice James W. Diehm, resigned.

Ruth Y. Tamura, of Hawaii, to be a member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001 (reappointment).

John D. Trasvina, of California, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices for a term of 4 years, vice William Ho-Gonzalez, term expired.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released April 7

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Fact sheet on the Federal Election Commission request for additional funding for FY 1997 and FY 1998