

**Proclamation 7101—National  
Alternative Fuels Week, 1998**

May 29, 1998

*By the President of the United States  
of America*

**A Proclamation**

In today's robust and growing economy, the United States faces major challenges in meeting the ever-increasing demand for transportation goods and services while minimizing the adverse impact on our energy resources, environment, and future prosperity.

Today's American transportation system remains enormously dependent on oil. Highway transportation alone accounts for more than half of our Nation's oil demand, and the number of vehicles and miles driven on our roads is steadily increasing. Transportation is the second largest contributor to U.S. greenhouse gas emissions and will likely be the most significant contributor by the year 2000.

Fortunately, vehicles that are powered by alternatives to conventional gasoline and diesel fuels are already on the market, and domestically produced, renewable alternative fuels are readily available to American consumers. These alternative fuels—such as ethanol, methanol, natural gas, propane, electricity, and biodiesel—can make significant contributions to our energy security and environmental quality. By increasing the use of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs), we can reduce our demand for imported oil, create new products, jobs, and businesses, and improve air quality by dramatically reducing carbon dioxide emissions as well as the hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter that are such major contributors to urban air pollution.

More than 350,000 AFVs are already on the road in the 60 communities participating in the Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program. This program is fostering the development of AFV markets in a network of cities across the country through partnerships among fuel suppliers, vehicle fleet operators, Federal, State, and local governments, and private sector organizations. Through the efforts of program participants, we are moving closer to our goal of building a transportation

system for our Nation that meets the energy, economic, and environmental needs of Americans today and of generations yet to come.

**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 May 31 through June 6, 1998, as National Alternative Fuels Week. I call upon all Americans to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-ninth 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**

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**Digest of Other  
White House Announcements**

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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.

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**May 25**

In the morning, the President traveled to Arlington, VA, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President attended Game 2 of the NHL Eastern Conference Finals at the MCI Center.

**May 27**

In a morning ceremony in the Oval Office, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Edgardo Dumas of Honduras; Baki Ilkin of Turkey; Pascal Akoussouelou Bodjona of Togo; Lee Hongkoo of South Korea; and Jaime Dareblum of Costa Rica.

In the late evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan concerning Pakistan's planned nuclear testing.

The White House announced that the President invited Amir Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa of Bahrain for a working visit to Washington, DC, on June 1.

The White House announced that the President will attend the National Ocean Conference in Monterey, CA, on June 12.

### **May 28**

In the morning, the President had another telephone conversation with Prime Minister Sharif concerning Pakistan's nuclear testing. Later, the President had a telephone conversation with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia regarding economic issues and nuclear proliferation in South Asia.

### **May 29**

In the morning, the President met with Kosovo Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sylvia Mathews to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to name Minyon Moore as Assistant to the President and Director of Public Liaison.

The President announced his intention to name Maria Echaveste as Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff.

The President announced the formation of a second District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority. He announced that current board members Andrew Brimmer, Constance Berry Newman, and Stephen Harlan will continue to serve in a transitional role for a period of 90 days and that Mr. Brimmer will retain his role as Chair for this period. The President also announced his intention to appoint Alice M. Rivlin, Vice Chair of the Federal Reserve Board, and Robert Watkins as new full-term members of the board. Ms. Rivlin will assume the role of Chair after Mr. Brimmer's departure.

The President announced his intention to appoint W. Ron Allen as a member of the Pacific Salmon Commission.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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

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### **Submitted May 22**

Gerald Bruce Lee,  
of Virginia, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, vice James C. Cacheris, retired.

Patricia A. Seitz,  
of Florida, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, vice Stanley Markus, elevated.

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## **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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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.

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### **Released May 26**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling, Council of Economic Advisers Chair Janet Yellen, and Office of Management and Budget Acting Director Jack Lew on fiscal year 1998 and future budget surpluses

### **Released May 27**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, Welfare to Work Partnership President Eli Segal, and Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Elena Kagan on the Welfare to Work Partnership