

Tremendous advancements have been made in the fight for equality. But we must remain diligent in enforcing our Nation's laws. And we still have work to do in this area.

Today, thousands of people, mainly women and children, are trafficked into the United States each year and forced to work in the sex industry, sweatshops, field labor, and domestic servitude. Beyond these vile acts, workplace discrimination and targeted violence continue to take place, despite their rejection by our communities and legal system.

Our efforts to ensure women equal rights must include the protection of women from violence and equal access to justice. This is particularly vital for women who face geographic, cultural, and other barriers to social justice services. Women victimized by crime should receive equitable and compassionate care, including access to advocacy, emergency shelter, law enforcement protection, and legal aid. That is why my 2002 budget requests increased funding for Federal initiatives to combat violence against women and to continue the guarantees of basic civil rights and liberties for women.

As we remember the well-known champions of women's equality, we also honor the millions of women whose private efforts and personal ideals continue to sustain and improve this land. On Women's Equality Day, I call upon all Americans to defend the freedoms gained by those who came before us and to continue to expand our shared vision of social justice and equality.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, 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 August 26, 2001, as Women's Equality Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This Executive order will be published in the *Federal Register* on August 29.

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.

August 20

In the morning, the President traveled to Milwaukee, WI. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Menomonee Falls, WI. Later, he traveled to Kansas City, MO.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward R. McPherson to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sandra L. Pack to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Thomas Korsmo to be a member of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate W. Michael Cox to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disabled Employment Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate William J. Hybl to be U.S. Representative to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roger P. Winter to be Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development for the Bureau of Humanitarian Response.

August 21

In the morning, the President traveled to Independence, MO. Later, he traveled to Kansas City, MO. He then returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

August 22

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vicente Fox of Mexico.

The President announced his intention to nominate Raymond Burghardt to be Ambassador to Vietnam.

The President announced his intention to appoint Donald Cappoccia and Pamela Nelson as members of the Commission on Fine Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Commission on the Future of the U.S. Aerospace Industry: Buzz Aldrin, Michael Bolen, Neil DeGrasse Tyson, Robert Walker, Heidi R. Wood, and John W. Douglas.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation: Matthew Fong, Barry Wynn, and Betsy Atkins.

The President announced his intention to appoint Cheryl Feldman Halpern as a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert Martin as Acting Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts.

August 23

In the morning, the President traveled to Waco, TX. Later, he returned to Crawford, TX, where he had a telephone conversation with President Fernando de la Rúa of Argentina concerning the Argentine economy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Margaret K. McMillion to be Ambassador to Rwanda.

The President announced his intention to designate Terrence S. Donahue as Acting Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

August 24

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Ameri-

cans and Pacific Islanders: John B. Tsu, Lupo Carlota, David B. Cohen, Mary Ling, Barbara Marumoto, Gary K. Ong, Sunny Park, Amata Coleman Radewagen, Jhoon Rhee, Michelle Park Steel, Joe Ting, Chiling Tong, Baoky N. Vu, and Zachariah Zachariah.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Pittsburgh, PA, on August 26 and San Antonio, TX, on August 29.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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 August 20

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2131

Statement by the Press Secretary: Updated Implementation of the Patten Report

Released August 22

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of a press briefing by Office of Management and Budget Director Mitch Daniels on the Federal budget surplus

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that on August 20, the President signed the following bills: H.R. 93, H.R. 271, H.R. 427, H.R. 364, H.R. 558, H.R. 821, H.R. 988, H.R. 1183, H.R. 1753, and H.R. 2043

Released August 24

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Claire Buchan