

America is the heart and soul of the American people. And we will continue to help those who are hurting or are in need.

We pray that God watch over our brave men and women in uniform. We are grateful to them, and to their families, for their service and sacrifice. We pray for peace and ask God for patience and resolve in our war against terror and evil.

This conflict was begun on the timing and terms of others. It will end in a way, and at an hour, of our choosing.

**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 Friday, September 5, through Sunday, September 7, 2003, as National Days of Prayer and Remembrance. I ask that the people of the United States and places of worship mark these National Days of Prayer and Remembrance with memorial services, the ringing of bells, and evening candlelight remembrance vigils. I invite the people of the world to share in these Days of Prayer and Remembrance.

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

**George W. Bush**

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### **Proclamation 7702—Patriot Day, 2003**

*September 4, 2003*

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### **A Proclamation**

Two years ago, more than 3,000 innocent people lost their lives when a calm September morning was shattered by terrorists driven by hatred and destruction.

On that day, and in its aftermath, we saw the greatness of America in the bravery of victims; in the heroism of first responders who laid down their lives to save others; in the compassion of people who stepped forward to help those they had never met; and in the generosity of millions of Americans who enriched our country with acts of service and kindness. Since that day, we have seen the greatness of America further demonstrated in the courage of our brave men and women in uniform who have served and sacrificed in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and around the world to advance freedom and prevent terrorist attacks on America.

As we remember September 11, 2001, we reaffirm the vows made in the earliest hours of our grief and anger. As liberty's home and defender, America will not tire, will not falter, and will not fail in fighting for the safety and security of the American people and a world free from terrorism. We will continue to bring our enemies to justice or bring justice to them. This Patriot Day, we hold steady to this task.

By a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), the Congress has designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."

**Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush,** President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2003, as Patriot Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including remembrance services and candlelight vigils. I also call upon the Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, as well as appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on Patriot Day. In addition, I call upon all Americans to display the flag at half-staff from their homes on that day and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time to honor the innocent victims who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

### **George W. Bush**

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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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### **August 30**

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. Before departing from the Texas State Technical College Airport in Waco, TX, they greeted members of the Midway All-Stars Little League girls softball team.

### **September 1**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Cleveland, OH, where he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Shirley Moore. He then traveled to Richfield, OH.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

### **September 2**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in the presentation of the game football for the opening game of the 2003 National Football League season to be held September 4. He then met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

During the day, in the Oval Office, the President met with Mississippi State officials

who recently switched to the Republican Party.

The White House announced that beginning September 16 the White House will be open to tours on an expanded basis to parties through their Members of Congress.

### **September 3**

In the morning, the President had breakfast and a meeting with Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende and Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaap de Hoop Scheffer of the Netherlands. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In the afternoon, the President met with Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist. He then met with Republican congressional leaders to discuss the congressional agenda.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Prime Minister Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali of Pakistan at the White House on October 1.

The President announced his intention to nominate William J. Hudson to be Ambassador to Tunisia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Hector Elias Morales to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey Adam Rosen to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan Krouner Sclafani to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education and to designate her as Acting Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Walter Wynne to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

The President announced his intention to designate Michele Marie Leonhart as Acting Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bradley Deck Belt to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board.