

President's Proclamation

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KEY BISCAYNE, Fla., Jan. 26—Following is the text of a proclamation by President Nixon calling for a national moment of prayer and thanksgiving, issued today at the Florida White House:

The White House

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

To the people of the United States:

A long and trying ordeal for America has ended. Our nation has achieved its goal of peace with honor in Vietnam.

As a people with a deep and abiding faith, we know that no great work can be accomplished without the aid and inspiration of Almighty God. No time could be more fitting for grateful prayer and meditation than the opening moments of the peace we have achieved with His help.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Nixon, President of the United States of America, as requested by the Congress, do hereby designate 7 P.M. Eastern standard time, January 27, 1973, as a national moment of prayer and thanksgiving; and the 24-hour period beginning then as a national day of prayer and thanksgiving.

I urge all men and women of goodwill to join the prayerful hope that this moment marks not only the end of the war in Vietnam but the beginning of a new era of world peace and understanding for all mankind. I authorize the flying of the American flag at the appointed hour and I call on all the people of the United States to observe this moment with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-three, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.

RICHARD NIXON.