

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, in pursuance of an Act of the Congress of the United States, approved March 3, 1905, entitled "An Act To provide for celebrating the birth of the American nation, the first permanent settlement of English-speaking people on the Western Hemisphere, by the holding of an international naval, marine, and military celebration in the vicinity of Jamestown, on the waters of Hampton Roads, in the State of Virginia; to provide for a suitable and permanent commemoration of said event, and to authorize an appropriation in aid thereof, and for other purposes," a proclamation by the President of the United States was duly made and published on March 29, 1905, declaring that there shall be inaugurated on and near the waters of Hampton Roads, in the State of Virginia, an international naval, marine, and military celebration, beginning May 18 and ending not later than November 1, 1907, for the purpose of commemorating the events set forth in said Act; which said proclamation also invited all the nations of the earth to take part therein by sending their naval vessels to the said celebration, and by making such representations of their military organizations as may be practicable;

Jamestown, Va.,  
Tercentennial cele-  
bration.  
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And Whereas Section 8 of said Act authorizes the President \* \* "to have such portions of our Army and Navy assembled there during the said celebration as may be compatible with the public service. And the President is also authorized to invite participation in said celebration by the militia of the several States, but at their own expense.";

And Whereas accordingly in due season the necessary directions will be issued to the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy for the assembling, upon said occasion, of such portions of our Army and Navy as will fittingly represent these branches of the public service;

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said Act and in the name of the Government of the United States, do hereby invite the Governors of the several States and Territories to participate, but at their own expense, in said celebration by sending such organizations of the militia as, in their judgment, will afford proper military representation. The historic nature of this celebration renders it peculiarly appropriate that the representation of the militia should be commensurate with the interest and pride of our people in their citizen-soldiery who have in the many ordeals of our Colonial and National life met their military obligations with superb self-sacrifice and devotion.

Militia invited to  
attend the celebra-  
tion.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this 28th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and thirtieth.

[SEAL.]

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

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Secretary of State.