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President Nixon has proclaimed the week of May 13-19, 1973, as National Transportation Week with Friday, May 18, designated as National Defense Transportation Day.

In issuing the 1973 proclamation President Nixon urged "the people of our Nation to join with the Department of Transportation and with appropriate state and local agencies in reaffirming our commitment to a progressive and balanced transportation system for America."

As a tribute to the men and women who move goods and people throughout America, the Congress, on May 16, 1957 by joint resolution, requested the President to proclaim annually the third Friday in May of each year as National Transportation Day. On May 14, 1962, the Congress requested the President to proclaim annually the week of May in which the third Friday falls as National Transportation Week.

Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar, serving as honorary chairman of a joint government and industry transportation week planning committee, said that the theme of this year's observance is "Transportation: Filling the Needs of a Growing America."

Many industry associations, traffic clubs, transportation clubs, transportation committees of Chambers of Commerce and other trade-civic organizations along with state and local and Federal officials are planning an array of activities to focus the role that transportation plays in the life of the Nation's economy.

Secretary Brinegar is visiting many of the Department's varied installations, while other transportation officials from Washington and in the regional operations are planning affairs ranging from Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Control open houses to Coast Guard simulated rescue missions. All segments of the Department's operating administrations are involved.

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