

# FEDERAL NEWS WEEKLY SUMMARY CONTINUED



may require assistance in caring for themselves as they age. The overwhelming majority of older Americans would prefer to remain in their homes while growing older — even when no coordinated system of home- and community-based care is available. As a result, more Americans are becoming involved in caring for family members who want to age with dignity and respect.

This week, as we celebrate the contributions of caregivers to their families and communities, let us recognize the challenges these generous individuals must confront on a daily basis — challenges that include fulfilling multiple and often conflicting roles of caregiving for their aging relatives, caring for young children, and working outside their homes. Let us promote community programs and encourage workplace policies that help to lighten or share the burden of their caregiving responsibilities. And let us, as a Nation, recognize and commend the vital role they play in ensuring that older Americans age with grace, dignity, and a precious measure of independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, 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 November 24 through November 30, 1996, as National Family Caregivers Week. I call upon Government officials, businesses, communities, volunteers, educators, and all the people of the United States to acknowledge the contributions made by caregivers this week and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-first.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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*"There is no indispensable man in a democracy. When a republic comes to a point where a man is indispensable, then we have a Caesar."*

Harry S Truman  
interview  
ca. 1946

## THANKSGIVING DAY, 1996

America's oldest tradition, Thanksgiving is also a reaffirmation of our most deeply held values; a public recognition that, in the words of Thomas Jefferson, "God who gave us life gave us liberty." In gratitude for God's gift of freedom and "for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us," George Washington made Thanksgiving his first proclamation for the new Nation, and it is one we are privileged to renew each year.

Much has changed for America in the two centuries since that first Thanksgiving proclamation. Generations of hardworking men and women have cultivated our soil and worked the land, and today America's bounty helps feed the world. The promise of freedom that sustained our founders through the hardships of the Revolution and the first challenging days of nationhood has become a reality for millions of immigrants who left their homelands for a new life on these shores. And the light of that freedom now shines brightly in many nations that once lived in the shadows of tyranny and oppression.

But across the years, we still share an unbroken bond with the men and women who first proclaimed Thanksgiving in our land. Americans today still cherish the fresh air of freedom, in which we can raise our families and worship God as we choose without fear of persecution. We still rejoice in this great land and in the civil and religious liberty it offers to all. And we still — and always — raise our voices in prayer to God, thanking Him in humility for the countless blessings He has bestowed on our Nation and our people.

Let us now, this Thanksgiving Day, reawaken ourselves and our neighbors and our communities to the genius of our founders in daring to build the world's first constitutional democracy on the foundation of trust and thanks to God. Out of our right and proper rejoicing on Thanksgiving Day, let us give our own thanks to God and reaffirm our love of family, neighbor, and community. Each of us can be an instrument of blessing to those we touch this Thanksgiving Day — and every day of the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, 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 Thursday, November 28, 1996, as a National Day of Thanksgiving. I encourage all the people of the United States to assemble in their homes, places of worship, or community centers to share the spirit of goodwill and prayer; to express heartfelt gratitude for the blessings of life; and to reach out in friendship to our brothers and sisters in the larger family of mankind.

Signed by President William J. Clinton,  
November 11, 1996.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

### FAA TESTING NEW INFRARED SENSOR FOR AIRPORT USE

■(WASHINGTON) The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is testing a new infrared sensor that will enhance safety and security at our nation's airports by helping airport personnel see better in darkness, smoke and bad weather.

The prototype sensors, which the FAA is evaluating at Washington Dulles International Airport and Greater Pittsburgh International Airport, will let airport security teams detect human or animal intruders in total darkness and in light to medium fog. Firefighters can use them to see through smoke to produce the fastest, safest response in airport fire situations. Infrared sensors also enhance the overall situation awareness of airport personnel in degraded weather conditions.

Texas Instruments, headquartered in Dallas, markets the low-cost infrared cameras under the NightSight name and is providing the units for the tests.

"Development of this sensor is an example of government-industry cooperation at its best," said George Donohue, FAA associate administrator for research and acquisitions. "For a minimal investment in this project, the FAA will reap great rewards. As part of the development team, the FAA provided expertise, advice and test facilities, and in return gains a product with immediate application."

This new technology is the result of a cooperative Technology Reinvestment Project created by the Night Vision Consortium. The group's industry members are

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