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Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, the 23rd day of February in the year of Our Lord  
 [SEAL.] one thousand nine hundred and one, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-fifth.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY

By the President:

JOHN HAY  
*Secretary of State.*

[No. 21.]

March 14, 1901.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A PROCLAMATION.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Washington, March 14th, 1901.

*To the People of the United States:*

Death of Benjamin  
 Harrison.

Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States from 1889 to 1893, died yesterday at 4:45 P. M., at his home in Indianapolis. In his death the country has been deprived of one of its greatest citizens. A brilliant soldier in his young manhood, he gained fame and rapid advancement by his energy and valor. As a lawyer he rose to be a leader of the bar. In the Senate he at once took and retained high rank as an orator and legislator; and in the high office of President he displayed extraordinary gifts as administrator and statesman. In public and in private life he set a shining example for his countrymen.

In testimony of the respect in which his memory is held by the Government and people of the United States, I do hereby direct that the flags on the Executive Mansion and the several Departmental buildings be displayed at half staff for a period of thirty days; and that suitable military and naval honors, under the orders of the Secretaries of War and of the Navy, be rendered on the day of the funeral.

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