



President Culver and Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint, offer glowing smiles after viewing the National Coin Week proclamation by President Nixon.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

VIRGINIA CULVER

For the first time in ANA history, National Coin Week received a Presidential Proclamation designating the week beginning April 21, 1974, for this observance. Mint Director, Mary Brooks, and then Secretary of the Treasury, George Schultz, supported and worked tirelessly for this Proclamation, as well as our ANA National Coin Week committee chaired by Maurice M. Gould. My special thanks to each of you for your participation in this special event marking our Golden Anniversary.

Honorary National Coin Week Chairman, John F. Ryan, whose slogan, "History In Your Hands" did make history, was honored. The presentation of a special plaque was made at the Second Annual Greater New York Coin Convention. His entry was chosen from over one thousand submitted.

During this special week, I was privileged to represent the Association at ceremonies in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia for our Bicentennial coin design winners, hosted by Treasury Department officials and members of Executive and Congressional branches of the government. The events which packed these exciting days, pointed out the historical significance of the ideas of three men. Their designs on our coinage will inspire all Americans to observe our Bicentennial. To climax this three-day numismatic first, the American Numismatic Association now has three new members—the Bicentennial coin designers. Their applications for membership were signed at the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia.

While in Washington, I took the opportunity to visit our ANACS office. Director Charles Hoskins is enthusiastic about its progress and its new personnel. Monthly reports attest to the fact the operation is on a sound fiscal basis. I also visited with ANA Governors Eva Adams and Eldridge Jones.

Unfortunately, the reorganization of the Citizens Exchange Corp. precluded the Russian trip, which had been planned for our membership in conjunction with the American Philatelic Society. Hopefully, this trip can be arranged for 1975 with time to make adequate plans.

The ANA Museum can now boast the first Canadian Olympic Proof Set. This special presentation was made at a luncheon hosted by Canadian government officials in Dayton, Ohio, inaugurating the sale of these sets in the United States for this worthwhile world-wide project.

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PROCLAMATION 4286

National Coin Week 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Since the beginning of history, coins have helped to tell the story of civilization. They frequently reflect the economic development of their country of origin as well as the scientific advancement and artistic values of the people who produce and use them. Today, more than ten million Americans collect coins both for pleasure and for profit.

In honor of our Bicentennial year, we are changing the designs on the backs of three United States coins. The new designs were selected through competition among the Nation's sculptors and will appear on the backs of the dollar, half dollar, and quarter. The double date 1776-1976 will appear on the front of the three coins.

When in circulation, these Bicentennial coins will reach every citizen and serve as reminders of our rich national heritage and continuing dedication to freedom and self-government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, in recognition of this worthwhile hobby and of the significance of coins in marking the Bicentennial, do hereby designate the week beginning April 21, 1974, as National Coin Week.

Observance of National Coin Week will give us all an opportunity to reflect upon the designs, mottos, and symbols that appear on our coins. The word "Liberty" has been inscribed on our coins since 1792 as provided by the act directing our fledgling Nation to produce its own coins. Then, as now, the inscription serves as a constant reminder of our most precious national possession, won for us all in the American Revolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.



This document records the official 1974 Presidential Proclamation for National Coin Week.

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