PROCLAIMING A NATIONAL EMERGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE
OBSERVANCE, SAFEGUARDING, AND ENFORCEMENT OF NEUTRALITY
AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE WITHIN
THE LIMITS OF PEACE-TIME AUTHORIZATIONS

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS a proclamation issued by me on September 5, 1939,
proclaimed the neutrality of the United States in the war now
unhappily existing between certain nations; and
WHEREAS this state of war imposes on the United States
certain duties with respect to the proper observance, safeguar-
ding, and enforcement of such neutrality, and the strengthening of
the national defense within the limits of peace-time authoriza-
tions; and
WHEREAS measures required at this time call for the exercise
of only a limited number of the powers granted in a national emer-
gency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the
United States of America, do proclaim that a national emergency
exists in connection with and to the extent necessary for the
proper observance, safeguarding, and enforcing of the neutrality
of the United States and the strengthening of our national de-
fense within the limits of peace-time authorizations. Specific
directions and authorizations will be given from time to time
for carrying out these two purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused
the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.
DONE at the City of Washington this day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-fourth.

By the President:

Secretary of State.