"ACTION, AND ACTION NOW"

FDR'S FIRST 100 DAYS

"This nation asks for action, and action now."
— Franklin D. Roosevelt, March 4, 1933

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In November 1932, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt promised to "take immediate action" to address the nation's economic crisis. On March 4, 1933, he took the oath of office as the 32nd President of the United States. He immediately signed a series of executive orders to provide economic relief and stimulate recovery. These actions became known as the "First 100 Days." The New Deal was a series of programs, public works projects, and reforms that were enacted by the U.S. government to combat the effects of the Great Depression. The New Deal was a response to the nation's economic and social needs and was intended to provide short-term relief and long-term recovery.

FDR went on to lead the United States through World War II, and his presidency is remembered as a time of unparalleled economic and social change. The New Deal remains a symbol of hope and progress during a time of great uncertainty. Today, the legacy of the New Deal continues to influence public policy and social welfare programs in the United States.
THE COURSE AHEAD

"The country needs cool, persistent experimentation... It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something." — Franklin Roosevelt, May 27, 1933

In March 1933 America was adrift. Its currency was at a standstill, its people paralyzed in fear.

One hundred days later, action had replaced drift and confidence had returned. The Great Depression was not over. But something Americans suddenly had legs. They saw a vibrant new president taking action to meet the crisis. They admired his spirit. They closed their watchdog mentality with new ideas and ideals, and they committed to his conflict plan.

The coming years would be difficult. There would be many setbacks. But FDR had set his course. Guided by the power of government to solve economic scarcity for the nation and its people, America had found its course.