

P R O C L A M A T I O N

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2 WHEREAS, in this atomic age our world is balanced pre-  
3 cariously on the brink of disaster or even annihilation, and  
4 under these circumstances forces which strengthen the moral  
5 law, promote understanding of law and order and advance bro-  
6 therhood, and thereby amity and peace, are a boon to all man-  
7 kind, and

8 WHEREAS, the motion picture production, "THE TEN COMMAND-  
9 MENTS," will open an exclusive limited engagement in Las Vegas,  
10 Nevada, at the El Portal Theater, and is universally regarded  
11 as a powerful force in the above stated purpose, setting a new  
12 high standard of excellence in the medium of communication  
13 through film, and

14 WHEREAS, it presents magnificently the condition of the  
15 civilized world when mankind was ruled by dictators, and pre-  
16 sents the story of the birth of freedom and government by law  
17 under God, with the giving to Moses on Mount Sinai of The Law  
18 from which the laws of all free people are derived, and

19 WHEREAS, the theme of this great visual document applies  
20 so aptly to the world today, namely--Are men the property of  
21 the State, to be ruled by the whims of an individual, or are  
22 they free and independent souls to be governed by law under  
23 God, and

24 WHEREAS, through depicting the life of Moses, fountain-  
25 head of three of the great religions--Judaism, Christianity and  
26 Islam--peoples of this generation and of generations to come  
27 are and will be reminded of their common bond in their devotion  
28 to the one God revealed to Moses at the Burning Bush, and

29 WHEREAS, Cecil B. DeMille has demonstrated that he created  
30 this great motion picture with no thought of personal gain, but  
31 for the good of mankind, by assigning his share of the proceeds  
32 to a Trust Fund in perpetuity for charitable, educational and  
33 religious works;

34 NOW, THEREFORE, I, C. D. BAKER, Mayor of the City of  
35 Las Vegas, Nevada, do hereby proclaim <sup>Thursday</sup> Wednesday, October 2, 1957  
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"THE TEN COMMANDMENTS DAY"

37 and from that day through the concluding performance of "The Ten  
38 Commandments" shown in this City at the El Portal Theater, to be

"THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WEEK"

39 and urge that the residents of this City throughout the engage-  
40 ment of this momentous motion picture production give expression  
41 and thought to the Spirit of Truth in the Divine Law that Al-  
42 mighty God gave to mankind through Moses, and that they all  
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reaffirm their belief in those sacred principles, and pray that the oppressed everywhere will soon enjoy the benefits of the Divine Mandate, the same which is inscribed on our Liberty Bell--"Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land, Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, this 2d day of October, 1957.



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C. D. BAKER, Mayor