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James C. Hagerty, Press Secretary to the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

PAN AMERICAN DAY AND PAN AMERICAN WEEK, 1958

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS on April 14, 1958, the twenty-one American Republics will celebrate the sixty-~~eight~~^{with} anniversary of the founding of a bureau for inter-American cooperation which, as the Pan American Union, now serves as the permanent Organ and General Secretariat of the Organization of American States; and

WHEREAS the evolution of the Organization of American States into its present form has been accompanied by an ever-increasing solidarity of the peoples of the Republics of the Western Hemisphere; and

WHEREAS the Organization, as one of the important associations of free nations, contributes to hemispheric defense and to the advancement of international peace and the ideals of freedom:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim ~~Monday~~^{Wednesday}, April 14, 1958, as Pan American Day, and the period from April 14 to April 28, 1958, as Pan American Week; and ~~I invite~~ the Governors of the States, Territories, and possessions of the United States of America and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to issue similar proclamations.

I ~~also~~ urge our citizens and all interested organizations to join in the appropriate observances of Pan American Day and Pan American Week, in testimony of the steadfast friendship which unites the people of the United States with the people of the other American Republics.

DONE ~~at the City of Washington this twenty-second day of January~~
in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred
and fifty-eight, and of the Independence
of the United States of America the one
hundred and eighty-second.

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DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

THE President:
CHRISTIAN A. HERTER
Acting Secretary of State

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