

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

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared the 14th day of April, 1960 as Pan American Day; and

WHEREAS, Pan American Week will be celebrated from April 17th through April 23, 1960; and

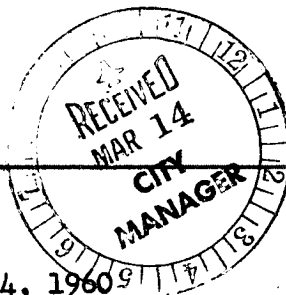
WHEREAS, Pan American Week represents security from attack, allegiance to democratic institutions, furtherance of justice, promotion of economic, social, and cultural development to and among all the people of the Americas; and

WHEREAS, such cooperation and development among the people of the Americas promotes human rights and raises the standards of living, and is beneficial in fostering better relations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ORAN K. GRAGSON, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, do hereby proclaim the week from April 17 to April 23, 1960 as Pan American Week in Las Vegas and urge the residents of this City to participate in the observance of this week by reaffirming their belief in the noteworthy principals as above defined.


ORAN K. GRAGSON, Mayor

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Sir:

On February 5, President Eisenhower issued a proclamation designating April 14 as Pan American Day. In that proclamation he called upon the people of the United States to join in appropriate observances of the occasion.

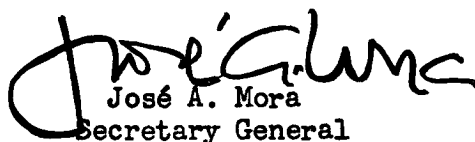
Pan American Day was first celebrated in 1930, in commemoration of the day in 1890 on which the American republics joined to form the association now known as the Organization of American States, and to reaffirm the spiritual unity of the peoples of the Western Hemisphere. Since then, the observance of the day has expanded into a celebration of Pan American Week in cities and towns throughout the Americas. Because Pan American Day falls during Holy Week this year, Pan American Week will be celebrated from April 17 to 23.

This year's celebration holds special significance, marking as it does the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the inter-American system. During the past seven decades, that system has been developed and strengthened to touch on every phase of the interdependent existence of the peoples of the Americas: the maintenance of peace within the Hemisphere; security from attack from without; the common allegiance to democratic institutions; the furtherance of justice; and the promotion of economic, social, and cultural development. Constantly seeking new fields in which progress may be achieved through international cooperation, the Organization is today giving special attention to the promotion of respect for human rights and to raising the standards of living of the peoples of the Americas through economic development.

I join my voice to that of the President of the United States in inviting you to declare Pan American Day and Pan American Week as a time of celebration in your city. We should be pleased to receive a copy of any proclamation you may issue and to put it on display in the Pan American Union during the month of April.

Trusting that we may be honored by your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,


José A. Mora
Secretary General