

WHEREAS, the people of Poland, during the past ten centuries, always stood up for the freedom of many people, of many nations, and have never been the aggressor, rather the protector of Freedom, especially in Eastern Europe; and

WHEREAS, Poland has given up many millions of lives to protect the right of freedom of speech, religion, and personal conviction, from the times of invasions of Europe by the infidels, the Crusades, the various nationalistic revolutions against tyranny, the revolution of our own 13 colonies against England, many other wars, including World Wars I and II; and

WHEREAS, Poland has given the world many leaders in many walks of life such as: Copernicus in Astronomy, Chopin in Music, Kosciuszko and Pulaski, in the field of military endeavor, Sklodowska Curie in Chemistry, Sienkiewicz in Literature, Paderewski in Statesmanship, Cardinal Wyszynski in Religion, Kiepusza in Opera, Styka in Art, Mickiewicz and Slowacki in Poetry, and thousands of others in almost every field of worldly endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Millions of citizens of Poland emigrated to the United States, and through the last four centuries toiled and gave all that they could to build the greatness of the United States. Thousands were killed in the defense of the United States, in the Revolutionary War, Civil War, Spanish American War, Mexican War, First and Second World Wars, The Korean War, and even now in Viet Nam, these humble Americans of Polish descent are putting down their lives for the freedom of the United States, and as well for the freedom of all people enslaved or oppressed by others; and

WHEREAS, In this great State, in almost every town, village, or city, and in every county, there are residents of Polish descent, who work and give their energies to create a better local community, and a better state in which we all live;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Oran K. Gragson by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, do hereby proclaim May 3, 1966 as the Polish Millennium Day and urge all of the citizens of this city to join me in saluting this great nation, these great people, who jointly with all of us want a better United States, a better World, and most of all, peace and freedom for living men throughout the entire world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, to be affixed this eighteenth day of April, 1966.

ATTEST:

Oran K. Gragson, Mayor

City Clerk



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