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Proclamation

WHEREAS, Great Britain is officially cooperating with a California based firm, with branches in Nevada and Arizona, in a two-week presentation of British crafts, arts, merchandise and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, such a presentation comprises a graphic illustration of the longtime friendly communication through trade, cultural exchange and commerce between Great Britain and the States of California, Nevada and Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Southern California contains more than 250,000 former British subjects, 1,400 in Nevada and 4,200 in Arizona, and His Excellency, the Rt. Hon. John Freeman, M.B.E., British Ambassador to the United States, and numerous other distinguished officials and artists will come to California, Nevada and Arizona to launch "The British Are Here" presentation, displays and ceremonies which will constitute the largest merchandising showcase ever presented by Britain on the West Coast of the United States; and

WHEREAS, "The British Are Here" will embrace cultural displays and merchandise in Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as in 26 other areas in the Southwest;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ORAN K. GRAGSON, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, do hereby salute the people of Great Britain and His Excellency the Rt. Hon. John Freeman and proclaim the period Oct. 6 through Oct. 18, 1969 as a British fortnight; and I do hereby order copies of this Proclamation forwarded to A.A.E. Franklin, British Consul-General in Los Angeles; to Philip M. Hawley, president of the Broadway Department Stores, and to William H. Favro, manager of the Broadway Department Store in Las Vegas, Nevada, with all good wishes for the success of this great endeavor.

DATED THIS 1st Day of October, 1969.

ORAN K. GRAGSON, Mayor



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