

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, The American Legion was founded in 1919, shortly after the termination of World War I, as an organization of war veterans dedicated to the lofty principle of continuing service to God and Country; and

WHEREAS, Its leadership and counsel in endeavors seeking to strengthen our freedoms and perpetuate our free institutions have identified the American Legion as one of the great bulwarks of the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, This organization, now consisting of four generations of war veterans, is concentrating its efforts in the communities it serves to emphasize its theme of "U.S.A. -- Unity and Service for America;" and

WHEREAS, The American Legion this year is observing its fifty-first year as a gigantic fraternity of service; and

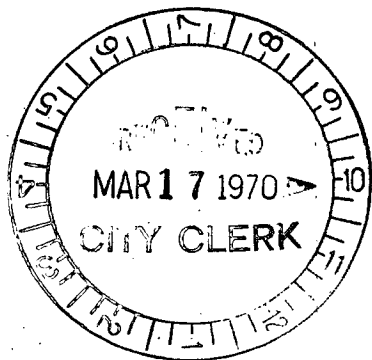
WHEREAS, The American Legion, through the endeavors and programs of Post #8, has become a civic asset to the City of Las Vegas:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HANK THORNLEY, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, to hereby proclaim the week of March 15-21, 1979 as

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and do call upon all citizens, business firms and organizations to join in extending expressions of appreciation of both the wartime and peacetime services of our Legionnaires and to signify our support for their current endeavors to give the greatest possible meaning to their 1970 theme of "U.S.A. -- Unity and Service for America."

Signed this 17th day of March, 1970.



Hank Thornley, Mayor Pro Tem



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