

DONE at the City of Washington this tenth day of November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-five, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninetieth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3689

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION OF 1968

By the President of the United States of America

November 11, 1965

A Proclamation

WHEREAS HEMISFAIR 1968, an international exposition with the theme, "The Confluence of Civilizations in the Americas," will be held in San Antonio, Texas, during the six months beginning April 6, 1968, and

WHEREAS this international exposition is designed to reaffirm common ties among the Americas as well as with the continents and countries from which our forefathers came; to increase mutual understanding; to strengthen the foundations of peace and to share our cultures, our knowledge and our skills for a more promising future, and

WHEREAS the exposition will provide a dramatic medium for the peoples of our hemisphere to exhibit the symbols of ancient cultures and contemporary life, and to demonstrate the relationships between their arts, religions, and social development; and

WHEREAS the exposition will encourage travel and stimulate technical, trade and cultural exchange between the Old and New Worlds, and

WHEREAS such an event is appropriate to commemorate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the bilingual City of San Antonio, Texas, "The Gateway of Latin America," and

WHEREAS the Congress by an Act approved October 22, 1965 (Public Law No. 89-284) authorized and requested the President to issue a Proclamation calling upon the several States of the Union and foreign countries to take part in the exposition, and

79 Stat. 1026.

WHEREAS the Governor of the State of Texas has agreed to serve as Commissioner General of the exposition and to invite the several States of the Union to participate therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States of America, do hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of State to invite, on my behalf, such foreign countries as he may consider appropriate to participate in this international exposition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.