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SPOKANE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION OF 1974

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

In May, 1974, a six-month International Exposition on the Environment will open in Spokane, Washington, inviting the nations of the world to think anew of man's relationship to Earth.

This Exposition, whose theme is "Progress Without Pollution", will not only make the centennial of Spokane but will also provide a splendid setting in which to explore new ways to restore and preserve our natural surroundings.

Because of the opportunities which the Exposition offers for a deeper understanding of environmental issues and for stimulating trade and cultural exchange, this administration is moving to extend the fullest possible recognition to this event in accordance with Public Law 91-269. On October 15, 1971, I advised the Secretaries of State and Commerce that the Exposition warrants Federal recognition as provided by statute. On November 24, 1971, upon request of the United States, the Bureau of International Expositions in Paris officially recognized the event as a Special Category exposition by unanimous vote.

Also, in accordance with law, I shall appoint a United States Commissioner General to exercise the responsibility of the United States Government for fulfillment of the Convention Relating to International Expositions of November 22, 1928, as modified, and to invite the several States of the Union to participate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, in further recognition of this international exposition, 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 event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 31st day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-sixth.

RICHARD NIXON

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Messieurs the Chiefs of Mission and, in accordance with the Proclamation signed by the President of the United States of America on January 31, 1972, has the honor to extend an invitation, on behalf of the President, to participate in an international exposition to be held at Spokane, Washington, from May 1 to October 31, 1974.

This exposition, a centennial event for the city of Spokane, will focus on an environmental theme, "Progress Without Pollution", and will explore a variety of aspects on the general subject of man and his environment.

The exposition has been officially recognized by the Bureau of International Expositions in Paris as a Special Category International Exposition.

The United States plans to participate in the exposition and will appoint a Commissioner General to exercise the responsibility of the United States Government for fulfillment of the Convention Relating to International Expositions signed in Paris on November 22, 1928, as modified.

The Spokane exposition enjoys the cooperation and support of the Government of the United States, the authorities of the State of Washington and the city of Spokane, as well as that of prominent scientific, educational, industrial, cultural, business and civic leaders.

This Government favors the holding of this important project as an excellent means of encouraging the further development of world knowledge in the environmental and ecological fields to the mutual benefit of participating countries.

For these reasons, the Secretary of State expresses the hope that many nations will be represented at this international exposition.

The Secretary of State would be grateful if each Chief of Mission would forward this information and the enclosed invitation to his Government. Correspondence and inquiries concerning the Spokane international exposition should be addressed to Mr. King F. Cole, President, EXPO '74, P.O. Box 1974, Spokane, Washington 99210.

Enclosure:

Presidential Proclamation dated January 31, 1972
Department of State,

Washington, February 14, 1972

