

WHEREAS, 66 years ago, an American fleet, known as the "Great White Fleet", was sent around the world on December 16, 1907, by President Theodore Roosevelt to promote interest and recognition for America; and

WHEREAS, the Great White Fleet was composed of 16 battleships and 14,000 officers and men; and

WHEREAS, the Great White Fleet Veteran's Association was established in 1945 by the surviving members of that cruise; and

WHEREAS, the Great White Fleet Veteran's Association is one of the oldest veteran organization today; and

WHEREAS, the Great White Fleet Veteran's Association will be celebrating its 28th annual reunion on Saturday, December 15, at the U.S. Grant Hotel in San Diego;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETE WILSON, the Twenty-ninth Mayor of the City of San Diego, do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 15, 1973, as "GREAT WHITE FLEET DAY" in San Diego, and further commend the Great White Fleet Veteran's Association for its efforts in establishing recognition for America at home and abroad.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand, this Tenth Day of December, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-three, and have caused the Seal to be affixed hereto: