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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the current global climate, characterized by growing international hostilities and the massive build-up of nuclear weapons, the likelihood of nuclear war increases daily; and

WHEREAS, scientific and medical analyses indicate that a nuclear war would result in death, injury, and disease on a scale unprecedented in human history, and that the medical resources necessary to treat victims of nuclear war would be severely impaired if not permanently destroyed; and

WHEREAS, nuclear war would undermine the social fabric of this nation and of all nations of the world by destroying the interdependent transportation, communication, and economic resources that provide the foundation of modern society; and

WHEREAS, nuclear war would cause enormous, and in some cases permanent, damage to the natural environment upon which all life depends; and

WHEREAS, the only possibility of protecting civilization from the devastating consequences of nuclear war lies in its prevention; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all citizens be better informed of the perils of nuclear war, so they can effectively participate in efforts to prevent nuclear catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, Ground Zero Week, coordinated by Ground Zero, a non-profit, non-partisan organization, represents an important effort to establish a public dialogue concerning the consequences of nuclear war, through a nationwide program of community-based discussion and educational events, thereby educating citizens about nuclear war and its prevention;

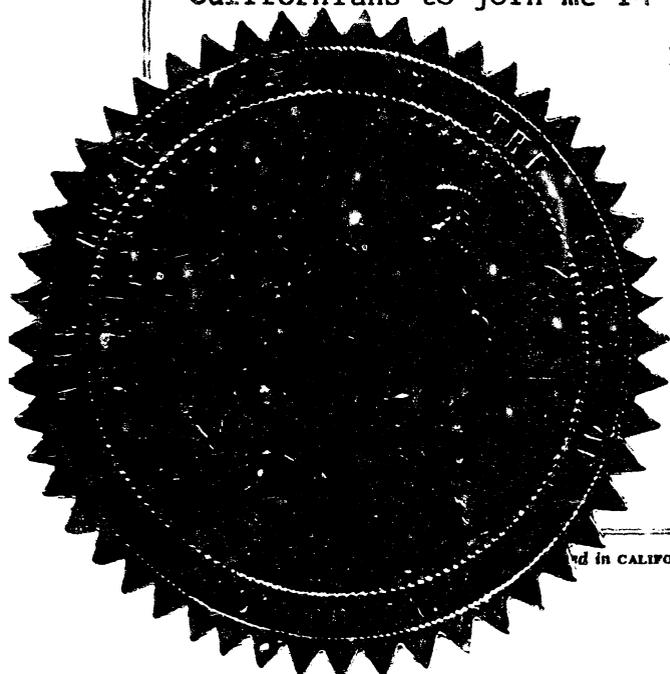
NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 1982 as "Ground Zero Week" in this state and urge all Californians to join me in its observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 14th day of April 1982

Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State



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