

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Columbus Day"

WHEREAS, we in America, living under a system of government which guarantees our right to live peacefully and freely in a country which nature has so richly endowed, have great cause to be grateful to the man who made the development of this country possible by his pioneering act of discovery; and

WHEREAS, the courage and perseverance with which Columbus pursued his belief in a world that was round has always been an inspiration to those of us who revere his historic accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, in the United States of America, the first celebration of the discovery of America by Columbus took place in New York City on October 12, 1792, just three hundred years after the year in which Columbus discovered the new "West Indies;" and

WHEREAS, through the years the celebration of this date has been the occasion not only of commemoration of the discovery but also of reaffirmation of our friendship with our Latin American neighbors, whose development and progress sprang too from the results of Columbus' steadfast determination; and

WHEREAS, the National Citizens Committee for Columbus Day is again urging celebration of October 12th and communities throughout Minnesota will be observing the date;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 12, 1956 as

COLUMBUS DAY

and urge all Minnesotans on this day to take note not only of the receptiveness to new ideas which Columbus evidenced but also of the bond of friendship and cooperation which we and our South American neighbors share.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six and of the state, the ninety-ninth.

ATTEST;

Joseph P. Linn
SECRETARY OF STATE

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

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