

A PROCLAMATION FOR "AMERIGO VESPUTCI DAY"

WHEREAS, Amerigo Vespucci, one of the great navigators and explorers of history, was born in Florence, Italy, more than five centuries ago -- on March 9, 1451; and

WHEREAS, all his life he was a student of geography. As a navigator, he was the greatest expert of his day in calculating latitude and longitude, having acquired by his own studies an excellent practical knowledge of astronomy; and

WHEREAS, on his voyages, Amerigo Vespucci was, if not the first, at least one of the first to sight the mainland of a whole new hemisphere which was later named America for him; and

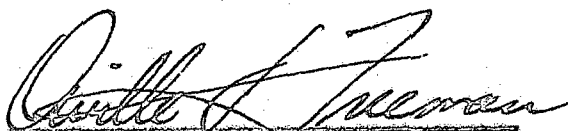
WHEREAS, all of Italian descent are proud of the achievements of this great explorer, and on this anniversary of his birth it is fitting that we join with them in paying tribute to his memory;

I, ERNEST W. WILSON, Jr., Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, March 9, 1959 as

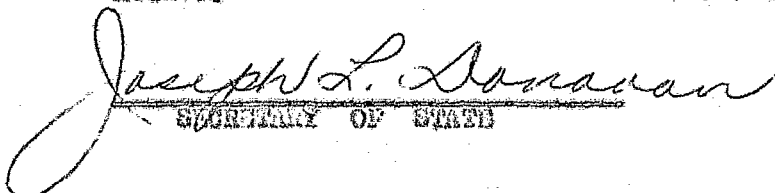
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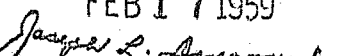
in the State of Minnesota, and call upon our people to participate in all appropriate observance of the occasion.

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


GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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