

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Joseph L. Romanow
Secretary of State

WHEREAS, JULY 16 AND 17 WILL BE THE GOLDEN JUBILEE AND
XIII ANNUAL MINNESOTAN SERBIAN DAY CELEBRATION
OF THE ST. VASILJE OF OSTROG SERBIAN EASTERN
ORTHODOX CHURCH; AND,

WHEREAS, MINNESOTA SERBIAN DAY IS A STATE WIDE AFFAIR; AND,

WHEREAS, THE ST. VASILJE'S CHURCH IS THE SERBIAN LANDMARK
OF MINNESOTA, AND UNTIL 1923 SERVED THE ENTIRE
STATE; AND,

WHEREAS, SERBIAN PEOPLE BEGAN TO SETTLE IN THIS PART OF
MINNESOTA AT THE TURN OF THE 20TH CENTURY, WHEN
LOGGING WAS THE PRINCIPAL INDUSTRY OF THE STATE
AND IRON ORE MINING WAS STILL IN ITS INFANCY; AND,

WHEREAS, SERBIAN PEOPLE MAINLY CAME HERE FROM TWO SERBIAN
REGIONS WHICH WERE THEN SUBJUGATED BY AUSTRO-
HUNGARIAN EMPIRE; BOSNIA AND LIKA; AS WELL AS
FROM SERBIAN KINGDOM OF CRNA GORA (MONTENEGRO,
BLACK MOUNTAINS). THEY CAME IN SEARCH FOR
POLITICAL FREEDOM AND LIVELIHOOD; AND,

WHEREAS, THEY SERVED IN BOTH WORLD WARS AND HAVE ADAPTED
THEMSELVES WELL TO THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT, ADDING
TO THE STRENGTH AND PRESTIGE OF THEIR STATE AND
NATION;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ORVILLE L. FREEMAN, GOVERNOR OF THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JULY 16 AND 17 AS

"GOLDEN JUBILEE DAY OF ST. VASILJE OF OSTROG"

AND

"MINNESOTA SERBIAN DAY"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, AND URGE ALL MINNESOTANS
TO JOIN WITH THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS IN CELEBRATING THIS
IMPORTANT OCCASION.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY
HAND AND CAUSED THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINN-
ESOTA TO BE AFFIXED AT THE
STATE CAPITOL THIS NINTH
DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF
OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED SIXTY AND OF THE
STATE THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD.

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Romanow
SECRETARY OF STATE

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