

A PROCLAMATION FOR "UNIONISM INTERNATIONAL DAY"

WHEREAS, freedom for the enslaved and oppressed living behind the Iron Curtain is the main concern of Unionists observing the forty-third anniversary of Ukrainian Independence on January 22; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the National Republic of the Ukraine are today living under the oppressive rule of communist Russia, being denied the basic freedoms which linger in their hearts; and

WHEREAS, their continuing struggle for freedom and independence is typical of the struggle of all freedom-loving peoples everywhere, and strongly emphasizes for us — free Americans — that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance against the continuous oppression of the communist world which not only threatens the peace and security of all peoples of the world; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Ukrainian descent living in America have fought hard to prevent the spreading of communism in the free world,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Andersen, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January 22 as

"UNIONISM INTERNATIONAL DAY"

In Minnesota and urge all citizens of our state to join with us in supporting the Ukrainian people's struggle to restore free and democratic government to the National Republic of the Ukraine.

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 Capital this anniversary day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one and of the state, the one hundred third.

Elmer L. Andersen
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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