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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, On March 9, 1964, 150 years will have elapsed since the birth of TARAS SHEVCHENKO, a humble soul who today is recognized throughout the world for his courageous and selfless service in the cause of human freedom and dignity, and
- WHEREAS, This great poet, prophet and freedom-fighter serves as a symbol, a reminder, and an inspiration to Americans -- but especially to those of Ukrainian descent -- and calls to mind the contributions that other distinguished citizens of Ukrainian ancestry have made to this great nation, and
- WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress has enacted special legislation authorizing the erection of a monument of TARAS SHEVCHENKO in our Nation's Capitol to commemorate his fight for the freedom of his native land and for the right of independence for all the peoples of the world, and
- WHEREAS, TARAS SHEVCHENKO, with his relentless yearning and striving for peace and freedom, has left us with an immortal heritage in our fervent belief in liberty for all men and given us the strength to fight the forces of darkness which have kept his native land enslaved,
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the year of 1964 as

"TARAS SHEVCHENKO YEAR"

in Minnesota and March 9, 1964, as "TARAS SHEVCHENKO DAY". And I urge all citizens to pay tribute to the memory of this great and forceful leader in the fight for individual liberty and national independence for all mankind.

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 eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, and of the State the one hundred sixth.

Karl F. Rolvaag
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE