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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the story of Leif Erikson stands as a symbol of the Scandinavian heritage which has played such a great part in the development of the American character, and

WHEREAS, the life of Leif Erikson typifies a restlessness and a breadth of vision that has become identified with the American spirit, and

WHEREAS, our freedoms are competing with a slavery which is unparalleled in ruthlessness and unprincipled in cruel cynicism, and

WHEREAS, freedom will win the contest by application of the qualities of resourcefulness, independence of spirit, vigor of intellect and strength of body typified by Leif Erikson and the Scandinavian heritage,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 9, 1964,

"LEIF ERIKSON DAY IN MINNESOTA"

and further urge observance of every succeeding October 9 to the memory of this great man, urging our people to pay tribute to him while working to increase the attitude of creative restlessness in our people--an attitude which is vital to our nation if we are to continue our role as the Leader of the Free World.

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 twenty-fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four and of the State, the one hundred seventh.

Karl F. Rolvaag
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GOVERNOR

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