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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, on January 22, 1918, the free and independent Ukrainian Republic was proclaimed by the will of the Ukrainian people, represented by the legally elected Ukrainian Parliament in Kiev, the ancient capital of Ukraine, and
- WHEREAS, by that proclamation all of the historic, ethnic territories of Ukraine were united into one sovereign Ukrainian National Republic which was recognized by a score of nations, but after such recognition was illegally occupied by the aggression of the Russian military forces, and
- WHEREAS, since that time the Ukrainian people with an ardent love of freedom have resisted this imperialism and Communist colonialism, annually observing Ukrainian Independence day in the free world, and
- WHEREAS, American citizens have traditional interest in the defense of freedom and human rights and sympathize with the aspirations of freedom-loving peoples wherever freedom is denied, and
- WHEREAS, the Americans of Ukrainian descent in the State of Minnesota are observing the Ukrainian Declaration of Independence on January 22, 1965,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January 22, 1965, as

"UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY"

in Minnesota and urge the citizens of our state to cooperate in this observance and join in the hope that the people of Ukraine can soon regain their national freedom.

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 eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five and of the State, the one hundred seventh.

Karl F. Rolvaag
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Larson
SECRETARY OF STATE