

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the Ladies and Knights of Kaleva is an organization dedicated to the development of a spirit of Finnish kinship and uplifting educational and moral standards of its members through fraternalism, unified cooperative effort, and through dedication to the preserving of the cultures and language of Finland; and

WHEREAS, the duly commissioned representatives of the 14 Minnesota lodges among the 60 lodges of the Ladies and Knights of Kaleva in the United States and Canada have respectfully petitioned this office for appropriate recognition of the day recognized the world over by those of Finnish descent as their official day of celebration; and

WHEREAS, this date has been established as Kalevala Day through the publication on February 28, 1835, of the Old Finnish Historical Poems which were sung by the Finnish people one thousand years ago

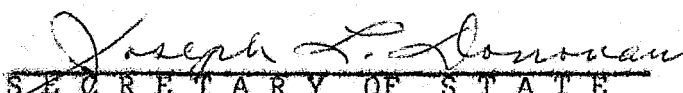
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 28, 1969, and the same date of each ensuing year as

KALEVALA DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to appropriately join in and to honor this observance by their fellow citizens of Finnish descent so that we may all gain a proper appreciation for the past and the continuing contributions the people of Finland have made and are making for the benefit of 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 twenty-fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight, and of the State, the one hundred eleventh.

  
GOVERNOR

  
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