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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Leif Erikson made the original discovery by non-native Americans of the North American continent in about the year A.D. 1000, and subsequently explored portions thereof; and
- WHEREAS, proof of the historical fact rests solidly, not only on independent accounts in the Norse sagas, evidence from the archives of European libraries, and writing of numerous historians, but also recent scientific findings; and
- WHEREAS, it is particularly appropriate that the State of Minnesota where so many of the residents are of Norwegian birth or background, having contributed to the industrial, cultural and governmental life and development of our state, should pay tribute to the memory of Leif Erikson;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim October 9, 1969, as

LEIF ERIKSON DAY

in Minnesota, and request the appropriate consideration to be given this designated period.

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 twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and of the State, the one hundred twelfth.

Harold LeVander
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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