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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: it is through the assimilation of many national groups and diverse cultures that Minnesota has formed a strong and vigorous society, and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans of Croatian heritage have made significant contributions to the state's industrial, social, and artistic growth, and
- WHEREAS: the purpose of the Minnesota Federation of Croatian Lodges is to keep the Croatian traditions alive and to help the younger generation to understand the customs, dance, music and language, and
- WHEREAS: through annual celebrations, festivals and sporting events can be created a spirit of fraternalism and pride amongst our people for their heritage and recognition of the fact that such spirit has much to offer America in the years to come, and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has been selected as the site of the 30th annual Croatian Fraternal Union National Bowling Tournament, an event which brings to the state people of Croatian descent from all over the United States and Canada during the week of May 15,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the week of May 15 through May 21, 1972 as

"CROATIAN WEEK"

in Minnesota, and urge all of our citizens to mark this observance, paying tribute to the outstanding contribution made by the people of Croatian descent to Minnesota.

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 fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and of the State, the one hundred and fifteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Allen J. Erdahl
SECRETARY OF STATE

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