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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Nicholas Copernicus was a man of peace, a man of deep religious conviction, a man of science, a man of medicine who ministered to the needs of the poor, yet understood the complexities of currency; and

WHEREAS: his contribution to modern day understanding of the universe, mathematics, and astronomy developed 450 years before the invention of sophisticated calculating machines and computers, has enabled man to extend his knowledge to the stars, beyond the binding shackles of earth's gravity; and

WHEREAS: Copernicus risked his social position to advance man's knowledge about himself, and his universe in the face of civil and religious punishment; and

WHEREAS: his work has served as inspiration to all mankind, the world over, but especially to those of Polish descent, and highlights the contributions that other distinguished individuals of Polish ancestry have made.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim Monday, February 19, 1973, as

NICHOLAS COPERNICUS DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to pay tribute to the memory of an extraordinary man whose desire for knowledge has enriched and inspired 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 fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and of the State the one hundred fifteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Arden J. Edsall
SECRETARY OF STATE

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