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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: Fifty-five years ago, on January 21, 1918, a free and independent Ukrainian National Republic was proclaimed by the will of the Ukrainian people represented by the legally elected Ukrainian Parliament in Kiev, ancient capital of Ukraine, which Republic was recognized by a score of foreign nations; and
- WHEREAS: since such declaration of independence and recognition, Ukraine was accepted by the opposition of Russian military forces and since that time the former citizens of the Ukrainian National Republic have been living under the oppressive rule of Communist Russia, being denied the basic freedoms which linger in their hearts; and
- WHEREAS: their continuing struggle for freedom and independence is typical of the struggle of all freedom-loving peoples everywhere, and strongly appeals for us -- the Americans -- that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance against continuous encroachments against it both at home and abroad, and especially against Communist aggression which seriously threatens the peace and security of the peoples of the world; and
- WHEREAS: Americans have a traditional interest in the defense of freedom and human rights and sympathize with the aspirations of freedom-loving people wherever freedom is denied; and
- WHEREAS: Members of the Minnesota Legislature annually observe the anniversary of the Ukrainian Declaration of Independence, and are observing the anniversary of it on January 21, 1973.

WENDELL R. ANDERSON, I, Wendell Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim Sunday, January 21, 1973, as

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in Minnesota, and urge all citizens of our State to join with me in supporting the struggle of the Ukrainian people to regain their national freedom and a democratic system of government.

BY MY HAND AND SEAL, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and of the State the one hundred and fifteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

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