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WHEREAS: many nations throughout the world have been made captive by the imperialistic and aggressive policies of the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS: Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania, known as the Baltic States, are three of the Soviet-dominated nations with its people deprived of their national independence and their individual liberties; and

WHEREAS: during the night of June 14, 1941, tens of thousands of the Baltic peoples were arrested and without due process of law dispatched to slave labor camps in the northern reaches of the Soviet Union, many of them having been executed or subjected to death by starvation, brutality or lack of medical care; and

WHEREAS: the citizens of the United States of America are linked by bonds of family and principle to those who have suffered and still suffer so much; and

WHEREAS: it is appropriate and proper to manifest to the peoples of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania our understanding and our support for their just aspirations for freedom and national independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the day of June 14, 1973 as

DAY OF THE BALTIC PEOPLES

in Minnesota, and call upon its citizens to join with Minnesotans of Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian extraction in observing this day in prayer and meditation in memory of all the Baltic peoples who lost their lives or freedom during the horror filled night of June 14, 1941.

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 Capital this eighth day of June 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

Allen J. Erdahl

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