



Proclamation

WHEREAS: General Casimir Pulaski served courageously and selflessly in the cause of human freedom and dignity during the American War for Independence and several months before his death he wrote Congress stating "I could not submit to stoop before the sovereigns of Europe, so I came here to hazard all for the freedom of America" and thereby enriched the legacy of every citizen of this Nation; and

WHEREAS: General Pulaski who with his own personal funds estimated at \$50,000, organized the "Pulaski Legion" and later has been called the "Father of the American Cavalry" was mortally wounded in defense of Savannah in 1779 and two days later died on board the ship Wasp after reaching only his thirty-first birthday; and

WHEREAS: the memory of his deeds and heroism in a land far removed from his native Poland has served as a constant reminder and an inspiration to all Americans, but especially to those of Polish descent, and calls to mind the contributions that other distinguished citizens of Polish ancestry have made to this Nation; and

WHEREAS: General Pulaski's relentless yearning and striving for freedom for the oppressed peoples of his native land and all others throughout the world still serve as shining symbols to countless peoples who daily face adversity in the struggle for liberation of all mankind.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 11, 1974 as

GENERAL CASIMIR PULASKI DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to pay tribute to the memory of this great leader in the fight for American Independence and freedom for 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 seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four and of the State the one hundred and sixteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

Arlen D. Erdall

SECRETARY OF STATE

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