



Proclamation ✓

- EAS: a significant number of residents of Minnesota are of Finnish descent; and
- EAS: this distinguished group of citizens has contributed substantially in many ways to the pioneer settlement and subsequent development of the great state of Minnesota; and
- EAS: this ethnic group through the years has continually honored their heritage with great fortitude and an enviable sense of humor as recipients of numerous amusing but questionable and unlikely tales of Finnish endeavor; and
- EAS: descendants of this noteworthy nationality have adopted the renowned St. Urho as the Patron Saint of the Finnish people in commemoration of his great deed, saving the grape crop in Finland by driving the grasshoppers out of that country with the now famous words, "Heinäsiirikka, heinäsiirikka, mene täältä hiiteen";

THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby claim March 16, 1975 and March 16 of all the years to come as

St. Urho's Day

Minnesota to be celebrated accordingly by all people of Finnish descent and friends.

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 twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five and of the State, the one hundred and seventeenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

John Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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