

Proclamation

WHEREAS: American Indian people have historically lived in honor of the earth and all its riches through their religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS: the Congress of the United States unanimously passed S.J. Resolution 102, "The American Indian Religious Freedom Act"; and

WHEREAS: the United States government has a unique trust relationship with the American Indian people through the establishment of treaties recognizing their specific rights; and

WHEREAS: on September 23, 1977, the first United Nations International Non-Governmental (NGO) Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas reaffirmed the rights of American Indian Nations under the "Declaration of Principles for the Defense of the Indigenous Nations and Peoples of the Western Hemisphere"; and

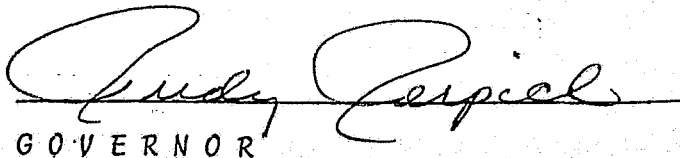
WHEREAS: one of the first recommendations for action by the Non-Governmental Organizations toward redressing the many years of grievances, in their own words, is "to observe October 12, the day of the 'discovery' of America, as an International Day of Solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas";

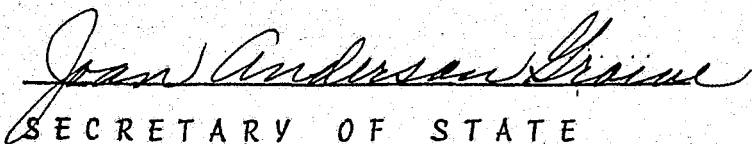
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 12, 1978 to be

AN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY
WITH AMERICAN INDIANS

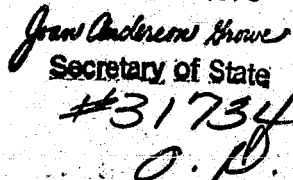
in Minnesota.

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 fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight and of the State the one hundred twentieth.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED
OCT 4 - 1978


Secretary of State
#31734
O.P.