

WHEREAS: The history of Minnesota is a fascinating story of people from every corner of the world coming together to live and work; and

WHEREAS: The common interests of all Minnesotans in the economic and cultural vitality of their state are enhanced by the desire of many to actively maintain ties with their ethnic heritage; and

WHEREAS: Among those who contribute greatly in the arts, industry, education, science, medicine and government in Minnesota are citizens of Slavic ancestry, who have shared not only their rich culture, but also their exceptional physical and moral strength with every citizen of this state; and

WHEREAS: With the State's official commemoration of All-Slav Day should also come recognition of the Croatian people, who are a significant component of Minnesota's Slavic population, and who have contributed in many ways to the culture of this state and the well-being of her citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 19, 1979, to be

CROATIAN DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to become more familiar with the many contributions of this important segment of our State's population.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this seventeenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-nine, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

Albert H. Quie
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