

WHEREAS: Leif Erikson demonstrated great courage and willingness to meet the challenges of exploration and a new land as he made the original discovery of the North American continent by non-native Americans in about the year A.D. 1000; and

WHEREAS: Proof of the historical fact rests solidly, not only on independent accounts in the Norse sagas, evidence from the archives of European libraries, and writings of numerous historians, but also recent scientific findings; and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States, in due recognition of this historic and courageous exploit in early American history has designated in each year October 9 as Leif Erikson Day; and

WHEREAS: It is particularly appropriate that the State of Minnesota; where so many of the residents are of Norwegian birth or background, having contributed to the industrial, cultural and governmental life and development of our state, should pay tribute to the memory of Leif Erikson;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Albert H. Quie and Lou Wangberg, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim October 9, 1979 to be

LEIF ERIKSON DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to honor this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-nine, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

Albert H. Quie

GOVERNOR

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