

WHEREAS: The ties between the Republic of Finland and the State of Minnesota are historic, beginning with those pioneers who came from Finland to carve farms out of the wilderness or work in our mines and forests; and

WHEREAS: Finland and Minnesota have much in common due to similarities in climate, topography and the hearty spirit of our peoples; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans of Finnish heritage have made significant contributions and played a major role in the development of this state; and

WHEREAS: It is important to relate the story of Finns in Minnesota, better acquaint the public with the history of Finland and the Finnish way of life today; and

WHEREAS: Finland's achievements in the fields of design and the arts have been acclaimed throughout much of the world and are deserving of our attention; and

WHEREAS: A major exhibition, FINLAND FOREVER, will be held this month to recognize their creative leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Albert H. Quie and Lou Wangberg, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 12 through 18, 1979 as

SALUTE TO FINLAND WEEK

in Minnesota, and encourage all citizens to become acquainted with the cultural ties between the state and the Republic of Finland.

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 sixth day of November 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

*Lou Wangberg*

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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