



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Sixty two years ago, on January 22, 1918, a free and independent Ukrainian National Republic was proclaimed by the will of the Ukrainian people represented by the legally elected Ukrainian Parliament in Kiev, ancient capital of Ukraine, which Republic was recognized by a score of foreign nations; and

WHEREAS: After such Declaration of Independence and recognition, Ukraine was occupied by Russian military forces and since that time the former citizens of the Ukrainian National Republic have been living under the oppressive rule of Communist Russia, being denied the basic freedoms which linger in their hearts; and

WHEREAS: Americans have a traditional interest in the defense of freedom and human rights and sympathize with the aspirations of freedom-loving people everywhere; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans of Ukrainian descent annually observe the anniversary of the Ukrainian Declaration of Independence on January 22;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January 22, 1980, as

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

in Minnesota, and have asked Lieutenant Governor Lou Wangberg to prepare this proclamation for my signature and disseminate the same. I further urge all citizens of our State to join with me in supporting the struggle of the Ukrainian people to regain their national freedom and a democratic system of government.

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 fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

Albert H. Quie

GOVERNOR

Lou Wangberg

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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