



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA EXUBERANTLY JOIN IN THE HAPPINESS AND RELIEF OF ALL AMERICANS AT THE SAFE RETURN OF OUR FIFTY-TWO CITIZENS HELD CAPTIVE IN IRAN FOR MORE THAN FOURTEEN MONTHS; AND

WHEREAS: THE YELLOW RIBBON SYMBOLIZES OUR MINDFULNESS AND CONCERN FOR THESE AMERICANS, OUR FOURTEEN MONTHS OF CONSTANT HOPE FOR THEIR RELEASE, AND OUR UNITY AS A NATION DESPITE THE ADVERSITY WE FACE; AND

WHEREAS: ONE OF THE GREATEST DISPLAYS OF SUPPORT FOR THE FREED AMERICANS WAS WRAPPED AROUND THE FOSHAY TOWER IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA WITH THREE HUNDRED FEET OF YELLOW RIBBON, REPRESENTING OUR CITIZENS' SHARED BELIEF IN THE BASIC RIGHT OF FREEDOM, AND SYMBOLIZING OUR CELEBRATION AT THE RELEASE OF OUR FELLOW AMERICANS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1981 TO BE

### YELLOW RIBBON DAY

IN MINNESOTA, AND THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29 THROUGH FEBRUARY 6, 1981 TO BE

### FREEDOM WEEK

IN MINNESOTA, FURTHER, I URGE ALL CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CELEBRATION BY PROUDLY DISPLAYING YELLOW RIBBONS, AND I WELCOME MINNESOTANS TO SIGN THE YELLOW RIBBON FROM THE FOSHAY TOWER AT THE MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL, AS A DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT FOR OUR FREED AMERICANS. THIS SYMBOLIC RIBBON WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AS A REMINDER TO PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF OUR STATE'S SPIRIT AND UNITY,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE, AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND,

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