



Proclamation

WHEREAS: THE LEGENDARY VIKINGS OF ANCIENT SCANDINAVIA ENHANCED WORLD CULTURE AND WERE KNOWN FOR THEIR ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT; AND

WHEREAS: THESE ANCIENT SEAFARERS BROADENED THE WORLD'S GEOGRAPHICAL HORIZONS; AND

WHEREAS: MANY DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF THE VIKINGS SETTLED IN THE UPPER MIDWEST REGION OF OUR COUNTRY; AND

WHEREAS: MINNESOTANS OF SCANDINAVIAN HERITAGE HAVE PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR GREAT STATE; AND

WHEREAS: THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE EXHIBITION EVER ASSEMBLED ON THE VIKINGS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ARTS FROM MARCH 3 THROUGH MAY 3, 1981; AND

WHEREAS: MINNEAPOLIS IS THE ONLY CITY IN THE UNITED STATES OTHER THAN NEW YORK TO PRESENT THIS UNIQUE EXHIBITION; AND

WHEREAS: THIS EXHIBITION PROVIDES A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO SEE PRICELESS ART AND HISTORICAL OBJECTS OF THE VIKING ERA; AND THE FULL-SCALE VIKING SHIP HJEMKOMST BUILT BY THE LATE ROBERT ASP OF MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH 1981 TO BE

V I K I N G H E R I T A G E M O N T H

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO TAKE NOTE OF THIS WORTHY EVENT.

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

Albert H. Quie
GOVERNOR

Lou Wangberg
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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