



Proclamation

WHEREAS: AMERICAN'S DISCOVERY IN 1492 WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH SUPPORT FROM QUEEN ISABELLA OF CASTILE, WIFE OF FERDINAND OF ARAGON; AND

WHEREAS: THROUGHOUT THE AGES, MAN'S COURSE HAS OFTEN BEEN GUIDED AND ALTERED BY GREAT RULERS WHO HAVE LEFT INDELIBLE MARKS UPON THEIR AREAS; AND

WHEREAS: QUEEN ISABELLA ENABLED CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS TO MAKE HIS DARING VOYAGE THAT RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE NEW WORLD, THUS, LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN SOCIETY; AND

WHEREAS: THE COLONIZING OF THIS COUNTRY AND THE WINNING OF ITS INDEPENDENCE COULD HAVE BEEN DELAYED FOR MANY YEARS WITHOUT QUEEN ISABELLA'S INITIATIVE AND FORESIGHT; AND

WHEREAS: SAID EXPLORATIONS GAVE SPAIN A VAST EMPIRE, ISABELLA DID NOT TREAT THE NEW WORLD WITH GREED OR NEGLECT. MANY TIMES SHE EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH THE PLIGHT OF THE AMERICAN NATIVES, AND WHEN INDIANS WERE BROUGHT BACK TO SPAIN AS SLAVES, ISABELLA ORDERED THEM FREED; AND

WHEREAS: THE 530TH BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY OF QUEEN ISABELLA OCCURS ON APRIL 22, 1981;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 1981 TO BE

QUEEN ISABELLA DAY

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I URGE ALL CITIZENS TO OBSERVE THE MEMORY OF QUEEN ISABELLA WHOSE DARING VISION AND FERVENT SPIRIT FOR EXPLORER'S DREAMS MADE POSSIBLE THE DISCOVERY OF THE NEW WORLD.

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

1433355 *Albert H. Quie*
GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Graue *Lou Wangberg*