



## Proclamation

HEREAS: LEIF ERIKSON DEMONSTRATED GREAT COURAGE AND WILLINGNESS TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF EXPLORATION AND A NEW LAND AS HE MADE THE ORIGINAL DISCOVERY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT BY NON-NATIVE AMERICANS IN ABOUT THE YEAR A.D. 1000; AND

HEREAS: PROOF OF THIS HISTORICAL FACT RESTS SOLIDLY, NOT ONLY ON INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTS IN THE NORSE SAGAS, BUT ALSO ON EVIDENCE FROM THE ARCHIVES OF EUROPEAN LIBRARIES, WRITINGS OF NUMEROUS HISTORIANS, AND RECENT SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS; AND

HEREAS: THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, IN DUE RECOGNITION OF THIS HISTORIC AND COURAGEOUS EXPLOIT IN EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY, HAS DESIGNATED OCTOBER 9 AS LEIF ERIKSON DAY; AND

HEREAS: IT IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE THAT THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, WHERE SO MANY OF THE RESIDENTS ARE OF NORWEGIAN BIRTH OR BACKGROUND, SHOULD PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF LEIF ERIKSON; AND

HEREAS: ON OCTOBER 9, 1949, A MONUMENT OF LEIF ERIKSON WAS GIVEN TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA BY THE LEIF ERIKSON MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 9, 1981 TO BE

### LEIF ERIKSON DAY

AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I URGE ALL CITIZENS TO HONOR THIS OBSERVANCE.

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 SEPTEMBER THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD.

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