



Proclamation

WHEREAS: TWO FRENCHMEN, PIERRE ESPRIT RADISSON AND MEDART CHOUART, SIEUR DES GROSEILLIERS, WERE THE FIRST TO EXPLORE THE REGION WHICH WAS TO BECOME THE STATE OF MINNESOTA DURING AN EXPEDITION FROM 1654 TO 1659; AND

WHEREAS: THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY OTHER FRENCHMEN FROM CANADA, WHO OPENED THE REGION FOR A NEW CIVILIZATION, NAMELY - FATHER JACQUES MARQUETTE AND LOUIS JOLIET, EXPLORERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, FATHER LOUIS HENNEPIN WHO DISCOVERED ST. ANTHONY FALLS, DANIEL DULUTH, PIERRE LESUEUR AND OTHERS; AND

WHEREAS: THE FRENCH WHO CAME FROM CANADA WERE THE FIRST TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT WHITE SETTLEMENTS IN MINNESOTA TERRITORY; AND

WHEREAS: MINNESOTA IS THE ONLY STATE IN THE UNION WHICH CHOSE A MOTTO FOR THE OFFICIAL SEAL, SPELLED IN FRENCH - L'ETOILE DU NORD (STAR OF THE NORTH); AND

WHEREAS: THE DESCENDANTS OF THE FRENCH-CANADIANS, NUMBERING IN THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS, CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CULTURAL, SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 23, 1982 TO BE

FRENCH-CANADIAN HERITAGE DAY

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I URGE CITIZENS TO EXPRESS THE FEELING OF RESPECT, RECOGNITION AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH FOR THREE CENTURIES HAS TIED MINNESOTA TO CANADA AND FRANCE.

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

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