



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The discovery of America in 1492 was made possible through support from Queen Isabella [1451-1504] of Castile, wife of Ferdinand of Aragon; and

WHEREAS: America's Discovery should have been the landmark by which the Epoch of Modern History should have started, not the Fall of Constantinople; 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. When Indians were brought back to Spain as slaves, Isabella ordered them freed; and

WHEREAS: The greatness of Queen Isabella paved the way for immigrants from all over the world who came to build a new nation; and

WHEREAS: The history of America has direct linkage to the birth of Queen Isabella on April 22, 1451; and

WHEREAS: The 532nd birthday anniversary of Queen Isabella occurs on April 22, 1983;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 22, 1983, as

QUEEN ISABELLA DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to observe the memory of said queen, whose daring vision and fervent support for explorer's dreams made possible the epoch-making discovery of the New World.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three, and of the State the one hundred twenty-fifth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Browne
SECRETARY OF STATE

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