

Proclamation

'EREAS: Scandinavians, their descendents and their cultures have figured prominently in our State's history; and

EREAS: Scandinavia Today has been a nine-month series of events, including lectures, concerts, art exhibitions and dance programs, on contemporary Scandinavian life; and

EREAS: The celebration of Scandinavia Today has given Minnesotans the opportunity to explore the cultural similarities we share with Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, which are so important to Minnesota's heritage; and

'EREAS: Scandinavia Today, while celebrating our common culture, also pointed out the gentle uniqueness of people and nations; and

EREAS: The events of Scandinavia Today have already touched the lives of thousands, promoting cultural exchange and understanding between our country and Scandinavia;

W, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do here by proclaim

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IRTHER, I urge citizens to take a continued interest in the activities of the Scandinavian nations id to acknowledge with their thanks the many people who have made this celebration successfuly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State Capital Conference of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capital Capi