



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: 1988 will mark the 350th anniversary of the arrival of the first Swedes in North America; and

WHEREAS: These early Swedish settlers had a profound impact on the founding of our new nation; and

WHEREAS: Swedish immigration to the United States continued through the late 19th century and early 20th century, during which time over 1.2 million Swedes came to our country, and dispersed to all regions of the United States with Minnesota becoming home to a vast number of Swedish-Americans; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's Swedish-American population has made significant contributions to our state and to our quality of life in the fields of education, aviation, agriculture, arts, business, medicine and politics; and

WHEREAS: Swedish-Americans have helped to shape our state's government, serving in nearly all elected and appointed positions over the years, including the office of governor; and

WHEREAS: A native Minnesotan and Swedish-American, Curtis L. Carlson, has been asked by the Swedish government to be national chairman of New Sweden '88, a jubilee to celebrate the contributions of Swedes and Swedish-Americans to our life and culture, which will be of national scope and will take place in 1987 and 1988; and

WHEREAS: The Swedish-American community in Minnesota, proud of its heritage, is joining together to plan the New Sweden '88 jubilee events in our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 15, 1986, to be

KICKOFF ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NEW-SWEDEN '88 DAY

in Minnesota and encourage all Minnesotans to participate in the events of New Sweden '88 in Minnesota.

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*Jean Anderson Howe*  
Secretary of State

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

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
*Rudy Perpich*