



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The United States and Sweden, joined by history and heritage, together celebrate the 350th anniversary of the first Swedish settlement in America - New Sweden; 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, 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: Today the State of Minnesota welcomes Their Majesties, King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden; and

WHEREAS: The New Sweden Minnesota program encompasses a multitude of communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes the thousands of volunteers who are participating in the New Sweden Minnesota program; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans celebrate through New Sweden, a multi-faceted year of symposia, concerts, exhibitions, technical innovations and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS: This year of celebration enhances an exchange of commerce and tourism between Minnesota and Sweden; and

WHEREAS: The Swedish-American community in Minnesota, proud of its heritage, has joined together in a fabric of faith, family and freedom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 24, 1988 to be

NEW SWEDEN DAY

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

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 twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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