



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Hans Mattson, born in Ornestad, Skane, Sweden, is the single most influential American leader responsible for the Scandinavian migration to Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: In 1853 Hans Mattson, founded the Vasa community, one of Minnesota's oldest towns, in Goodhue County, known as Mattson's Settlement; and
- WHEREAS: Shortly thereafter Hans Mattson went on to study law in Red Wing, and became one of the earliest lawyers in the Territory of Minnesota, and was elected to his first political office as Auditor of Goodhue County when Minnesota became a state; and
- WHEREAS: Hans Mattson achieved state and national recognition in high government positions, as the Minnesota Immigration Agent, the Secretary of State for three terms and the Consul-General to India, the highest diplomatic rank held by a Scandinavian-American; and
- WHEREAS: Hans Mattson also had a distinguished career in banking, real estate and publishing; he was the founding president of the Swedish-American Bank in Minneapolis, later known as the Midland Bank, and now known as Norwest-Midland Bank, he was editor and publisher of Swedish language newspapers in the Mid-West and his autobiography, Reminiscences, was published by the Minnesota Historical Society in 1891; and
- WHEREAS: On July 9, 1988, a dedication ceremony will be held at Vasa, Minnesota for this great man;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 9, 1988 to be

MATTSON'S SETTLEMENT DAY

in Minnesota.

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Jean Anderson Grove
Secretary of State

Rudy Perpich
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