



Proclamation

WHEREAS: In 1988 Ukrainians in the United States and throughout the world celebrate the Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine; and

WHEREAS: The acceptance of Christianity occurred in Ukraine in 988 when St. Volodymyr the Great, ruler of Kiev, adopted the Christian faith as the official religion of his state by baptizing his people in the water of the Dnieper River; and

WHEREAS: This spiritual transformation profoundly altered the course of the Ukrainian history and significantly determined the development of Ukrainian culture in all of its manifestations by giving rise to a wealth of new values; and

WHEREAS: This one thousand year old spiritual and cultural legacy of Ukrainians is an important chapter in the history of the world and a source of great pride to Ukrainians everywhere; and

WHEREAS: Americans of Ukrainian descent contributed significantly to every aspect of our rich and varied national culture, and their presence is well known and respected in our state; and

WHEREAS: Americans of Ukrainian descent residing in the State of Minnesota are cognizant of their rich, spiritual and cultural heritage and therefore join their brethren in the solemn and festive observance of its Millennium; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota Ukrainians of the Twins Cities, this year also observe the 75th anniversary of St. Constantine's Ukrainian Catholic Church, which grew from the roots of Christianity in Ukraine;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby sign this proclamation in recognition of these anniversaries - the Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine and the 75th Jubilee of St. Constantine's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Minneapolis, and I extend my best wishes for the solemn observance and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

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 twenty-eighth 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.



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