



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In 988 St. Volodymyr the Great, the ruler of Kiev, adopted the Orthodox faith as the religion of his state by baptizing his people in the water of the Dniepr River; and
- WHEREAS: The acceptance of Christianity profoundly altered the course of Ukrainian history, significantly determining the development of Ukrainian history, significantly determining the development of Ukrainian culture in all of its manifestations and giving rise to a wealth of spiritual and social values; and
- WHEREAS: The year 1988 marks the Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine, an illustrious milestone worthy of global recognition; and
- WHEREAS: Despite decades of persecution, Ukrainian Orthodox, Catholic, Baptist and other religious believers to this day continue to practice their faith clandestinely for fear of persecution by Soviet authorities; and
- WHEREAS: Americans of Ukrainian descent residing in the State of Minnesota are acutely cognizant of their rich 1000 year old spiritual and cultural legacy and therefore join their brethren in the solemn and festive observance of its Millennium;

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

THE YEAR OF THE MILLENNIUM OF CHRISTIANITY IN UKRAINE

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to join in its 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 tenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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