



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Leif Erikson and his fellow Norse seafarers reached the North American shore at Newfoundland in approximately the year 1000 A.D.; and
- WHEREAS: The discoveries of Leif Erikson are documented in the great Icelandic sagas and the archeological findings by Dr. Helge and Anne Stine Ingstad at L'Anse aux Meadows in Newfoundland; and
- WHEREAS: The accomplishments of Leif Erikson draw attention to the period of colonization of Greenland from Iceland from the late 900s and well into the 1200s; and
- WHEREAS: It is important to note that Leif Erikson was a farmer from the Greenland settlement who was sent on a mission by the king of Norway to christianize the Norse settlements of the North Atlantic; and
- WHEREAS: The existing body of knowledge probably aided Christopher Columbus in the planning of his voyage 500 years after Erikson; and
- WHEREAS: Sons of Norway as the largest Norwegian association in North America is proud to celebrate the accomplishments of Leif Erikson;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the ninth day of October to be

LEIF ERIKSON DAY

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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James Anderson Skene
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 twenty-second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

James Anderson Skene
SECRETARY OF STATE

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