



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: On November 7, 1917, international communists crushed the Russian democratic government and seized control of the Russian nation, making its people the first victims of the communist system in the world; and
- WHEREAS: The victory of international communism was the beginning of a process aimed at the destruction of all religions and associated moral values accrued by the civilized world; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated 60 million Soviet citizens lost their lives in the struggle for freedom and basic human rights; and
- WHEREAS: Since 1917, the Soviet government has continuously perpetrated crimes that are an affront to humanity, including forced collectivization, which resulted in death by starvation of 10 million people; and
- WHEREAS: The list of individuals and nations enslaved by the international communism is steadily growing; and
- WHEREAS: Neither the threat of a nuclear war nor attempts of "peaceful" coexistence have changed the course of repression and enslavement practiced by the Soviet government in the world; and
- WHEREAS: Only recently have the Soviet rulers begun to appear to recognize in isolated instances the basic liberties and human rights of individual citizens and the need for all citizens to live in an open and lawful society; and
- WHEREAS: Because such rights are still not recognized in the Soviet constitution which gives the Soviet communist party dictator powers; and
- WHEREAS: Because of the outrages performed by the Soviet government during the past seventy years, the Congress of Russian-Americans Inc. and others have worked to designate the date of November 7th each year as a "Day of Sorrow and Defiance;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 7, 1988 to be

DAY OF SORROW AND DEFIANCE

in Minnesota.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Jan 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 third day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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