

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Concordia Language Villages have had the teaching of the Russian language and culture as a part of their domestic programming for 23 years; and

WHEREAS: The Concordia Language Villages have provided programs for American young people to travel to the USSR for the past 17 years; and

WHEREAS: The goal of all these programs has been to further the cause of peace through language learning, cultural understanding and friendship between young people of the USSR and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS: The Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, USA and Novosibirsk, USSR have become sister cities, through the initiative of CONNECT USA/USSR, in order to further promote cooperation and cultural understanding between our peoples; and

WHEREAS: The Concordia Language Village Russian Abroad program is visiting Novosibirsk in December, 1988, and it is the first official group visit under this sister city program;

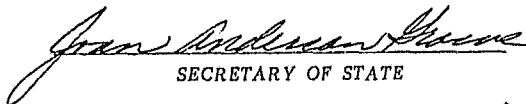
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim December 30, 1988 to be

NOVOSIBIRSK DAY

in Minnesota.

Further, I enthusiastically support the efforts of the Concordia Language Villages, CONNECT USA/USSR and the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul in their efforts to promote world peace and understanding and strongly support expanded and ongoing exchanges between the Twin Cities and Novosibirsk to build on this new relationship.

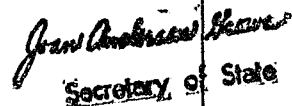
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.


SECRETARY OF STATE

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