

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The great discovery of the New World in 1492 was singlehandedly supported by Isabella the First (1451-1504), Queen of Castile, wife of Ferdinand of Aragon; and
- WHEREAS: We fast-approach the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America in 1992, it was through the Queen's foresight and vision, this country was discovered many years earlier than might have been expected otherwise; and
- WHEREAS: The greatness of Queen Isabella paved the way for immigrants from all over the world who came to build a new nation, and these explorations gave Spain a vast empire. Queen Isabella did not treat the New World with greed or neglect; instead she expressed concern for the plight of the American natives and ordered the Indians who were brought back to Spain as slaves freed in an edict signed on July 20, 1500; and
- WHEREAS: The Spanish colonies, started by Isabella and Ferdinand, opened the New World to settlement by other Europeans, including those who became the Founding Fathers of the United State of America; and
- WHEREAS: Queen Isabella's stalwart and unprecedented support of world exploration turned the tide of interest from the Crusades in the East to new horizons in the West; and
- WHEREAS: Under Queen Isabella's rule due to her reverence for education and literature the study of liberal arts flourished and Spain became a model for most of the cultivated nations of Europe; and
- WHEREAS: The history of America is tied proudly to the history of Spain and its illustrious Queen Isabella who was born on April 22, 1451; and
- WHEREAS: On April 22 the people of Spain and the people of America will celebrate the 537th birthday of Queen Isabella;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 22 to be

QUEEN ISABELLA DAY

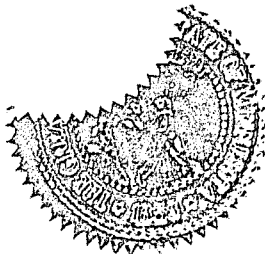
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*Jan Anderson*  
Secretary of State

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 seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.



*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Jan Anderson*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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