

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 seventh day of October to be

LEIF ERIKSON DAY

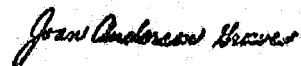
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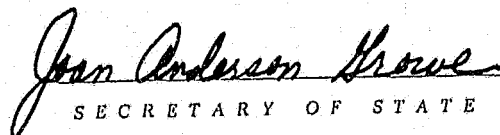
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.


GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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