



### Proclamation

WHEREAS: It is through the contributions of many nationalities and ethnic groups of diverse cultures that Minnesota has enjoyed a free and democratic society; and

WHEREAS: It is the inalienable right of every people to organize their own government on such principles and in such form as they believe will best promote their welfare, safety, and happiness; and

WHEREAS: People in central and eastern Europe, in a resurgence of national pride, are valiantly struggling toward national self-determination by democratic means; and

WHEREAS: These beacons of renewal for a better future in a peaceful world give hope for those who still yearn for such cultural and spiritual freedom; and

WHEREAS: We Croats, Czechs, Estonians, Hungarians, ethnic Germans, Jews, Latvians, Lithuanians, Poles, Rumanians, Rusin, Russians, Serbs, Slovaks, Slovenes, Ukrainians, and representatives of other peoples who may subscribe their names hereunto, celebrate and support the movement toward freedom's gate in central and eastern Europe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the fourth day of February, 1990 to be

#### EASTERN EUROPE AT FREEDOM'S GATE DAY

in Minnesota, a day of recognition for the flowering of national pride and progress towards self-determination of all peoples in central and eastern Europe.

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 twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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*Jean Anderson Howe*  
Secretary of State