



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 1492, 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 538th 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

in Minnesota.

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 fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

Jean Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR
STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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