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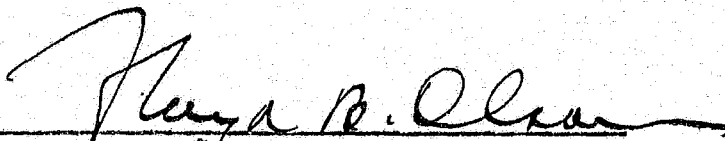
It is most fitting that we pay tribute to the memory of Leif Erikson, a hardy Norseman, and the first European to set foot upon the American continent.

The Norse discovery of America in the autumn of the year 1000 is no longer a subject for controversy. It is recognized as an historical fact and is so taught in our schools. Undoubtedly the records and traditions left by Erikson and his men had an important influence in leading Columbus to his conclusion that land could be found by sailing westward.


Later discoveries indicate that some of the early Norsemen penetrated the country as far as what is now Minnesota. Though the authenticity of the relics upon which this belief is based may be questioned, we have, nevertheless, a special interest in the achievements of Leif Erikson and his contemporaries, because of the very prominent part which the descendants of the Vikings have taken in the development of Minnesota during the last century.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Floyd B. Olson, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate Monday, October 9th, as LEIF ERIKSON DAY, and urge the people of Minnesota to observe the day this year and in succeeding years with appropriate ceremonies and celebrations, in order that due tribute may be paid to the memory of this daring explorer and to the importance of his discoveries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this 30th day of September, 1933.

  
Governor

Attest:

  
Secretary of State.

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