STATE OF MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT SAINT PAUL

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Norse discovery of America in the autumn of the year 1,000 is recognized as an historical fact and is so taught in our schools; and

WHEREAS, we in Minnesota have a special interest in the achievements of Leif Erikson and his contemporaries because of the prominent part which descendants of the Vikings have taken in the development of Minnesota;

THEREFORE, I, Elmer A. Benson, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby designate

SATURDAY, October 9, 1937

as

LEIF ERIKSON DAY

and urge the people of Minnesota to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and celebrations, so that by rendering tribute to Leif Erikson and his contemporaries, we may stir in our hearts the love of those qualities of daring and exploration which marked these men of the past and which are also the essentials of great action in times like those in which we now live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this 7th day of October, 1937.

Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State

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