

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
PROCLAMATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
FILED  
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*Joseph L. Donovan*  
Secretary of State

WHEREAS, JULY 16 AND 17 WILL BE THE GOLDEN JUBILEE AND  
XIII ANNUAL MINNESOTAN SERBIAN DAY CELEBRATION  
OF THE ST. VASILJE OF OSTROG SERBIAN EASTERN  
ORTHODOX CHURCH; AND,

WHEREAS, MINNESOTA SERBIAN DAY IS A STATE WIDE AFFAIR; AND,

WHEREAS, THE ST. VASILJE'S CHURCH IS THE SERBIAN LANDMARK  
OF MINNESOTA, AND UNTIL 1923 SERVED THE ENTIRE  
STATE; AND,

WHEREAS, SERBIAN PEOPLE BEGAN TO SETTLE IN THIS PART OF  
MINNESOTA AT THE TURN OF THE 20TH CENTURY, WHEN  
LOGGING WAS THE PRINCIPAL INDUSTRY OF THE STATE  
AND IRON ORE MINING WAS STILL IN ITS INFANCY; AND,

WHEREAS, SERBIAN PEOPLE MAINLY CAME HERE FROM TWO SERBIAN  
REGIONS WHICH WERE THEN SUBJUGATED BY AUSTRO-  
HUNGARIAN EMPIRE; BOSNIA AND LIKA; AS WELL AS  
FROM SERBIAN KINGDOM OF CRNA GORA (MONTENEGRO,  
BLACK MOUNTAINS). THEY CAME IN SEARCH FOR  
POLITICAL FREEDOM AND LIVELIHOOD; AND,

WHEREAS, THEY SERVED IN BOTH WORLD WARS AND HAVE ADAPTED  
THEMSELVES WELL TO THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT, ADDING  
TO THE STRENGTH AND PRESTIGE OF THEIR STATE AND  
NATION;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ORVILLE L. FREEMAN, GOVERNOR OF THE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JULY 16 AND 17 AS

"GOLDEN JUBILEE DAY OF ST. VASILJE OF OSTROG"

AND

"MINNESOTA SERBIAN DAY"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, AND URGE ALL MINNESOTANS  
TO JOIN WITH THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS IN CELEBRATING THIS  
IMPORTANT OCCASION.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
HAVE HERETO SET MY  
HAND AND CAUSED THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINN-  
ISOTA TO BE AFFIXED AT THE  
STATE CAPITOL THIS NINETEEN  
DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF  
OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED SIXTY AND OF THE  
STATE THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD.

ATTEST:

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Orville L. Freeman*  
GOVERNOR

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