



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Leif Erikson, the son of Greenland's first colonizer, continued the tradition of the Nordic seafarers by helping to expand mankind's knowledge of previously uncharted territory and by enhancing the European culture in the new world; and

WHEREAS: The adventures of Leif Erikson gave rise to the great medieval sagas, some of the finest literature of their period; and

WHEREAS: Americans have a rare opportunity to view the original saga manuscripts and to pay special tribute to the people and accomplishments of the Nordic countries through exhibits in Scandinavia Today; and

WHEREAS: As a mark of respect of the courage of Leif Erikson and his Norse followers, the Congress, by joint resolution, authorized the President to proclaim October 9 in each year as Leif Erikson Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 9, 1983, to be

LEIF ERIKSON DAY

in Minnesota.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Jan Andrew Shaw
Secretary of State

Rudy Perpich
Jan Andrew Shaw

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twentieth day of September in the fourth year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three, and of the State the one hundred and fifth.