

# STATE OF MINNESOTA



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Nordic Community is inviting Minnesotans to join in celebrating the exploits of the Viking, Leif Erikson, who, according to the Icelandic Sagas, made the first recorded successful landing on American shores in the year 1000 A.D.; and
- WHEREAS: The early Vikings called America "Vinland" where Leif Erikson's crew built shelters called "booths" which were used by Leif, his men and others who made the voyage to "Vinland"; and
- WHEREAS: 1998 marks the 49th Leif Erikson Day since John Karl Daniels' sculpture of Leif Erikson was erected on a triangle of ground in the Capitol Approach Area; and
- WHEREAS: In 1978, this triangle of ground was incorporated into what is now known as Leif Erikson Park; and
- WHEREAS: After the erection of the bronze monument on October 9, 1949, the sponsoring organization, Minnesota Leif Erikson Monument Association, changed its name to reflect the completion of the monument project and now is the Minnesota Leif Erikson Memorial Association; and
- WHEREAS: On behalf of the Leif Erikson Memorial Association, the Norse American Centennial Daughters, along with other Nordic organizations, has done the actual planning for the annual observance of the day; and
- WHEREAS: Traditionally, Leif Erikson Day festivities have been held at Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill, where the observance will be held again this year on October 10;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 10, 1998 to be

## Leif Erikson Day

in Minnesota.



*Jean A. Grove*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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 tenth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, and of the State the one hundred fortieth.

*Arne H. Carlson*  
GOVERNOR

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