



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The 71th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of Bielarus will be observed by Bielarusan Americans throughout the United States and by those living in other parts of the free world on March 25; and

WHEREAS: Bielarus, a republic of the Soviet Union, and Communist controlled from Moscow and known to the outside world under the Russian name of Byleorussia, is bordered by Poland, Ukraine, Russia and the Baltic States; and

WHEREAS: In a continuing struggle for freedom and independence, Bielarusians are a freedom loving people who, since 1922, have been subjected to Russianization at its highest level; and

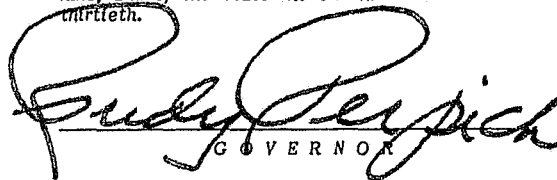
WHEREAS: Bielarusan Americans cannot remain indifferent to the plight of those still living under enslavement and, therefore, seek to promote their heritage and uphold the idea of freedom and independence of their homeland;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 25, 1989 to be

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in Minnesota.

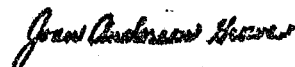
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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