

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: For many years the Croatian community has made positive

contributions to the long and distinguished history of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Many Croatian people have been an integral part of the work done in

the iron mines on the Iron Range and in the meat-packing industry in

South St. Paul; and

WHEREAS: The United States of America recognized the Republic of Croatia as an

independent and sovereign state on April 7, 1992; and

WHEREAS: The Croatians acknowledge April 7, 2002 as the 10th anniversary of

the recognition of the independence of Croatia, which is a significant

milestone in the history of Croatia.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JESSE VENTURA, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that, Sunday, April 7, 2002 shall be observed as:

Croatia Recognition Day

in the State of 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 2nd day of April the year two thousand and two and of the State the one hundred fortythird.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

COURDMOD

Mary Kiffmeyer SECRETARY OF STATE