

Proclamation 3666**LEIF ERIKSON DAY, 1965****By the President of the United States of America**August 12, 1965**A Proclamation**

WHEREAS the intrepid seafarer, Leif Erikson, and his dauntless crew of Vikings sailed across uncharted seas to explore the shores of North America, opening the way to a new world bountifully endowed for millions who would later seek there a new life; and

WHEREAS recent archeological discoveries in Newfoundland attest to the coming of the hardy Norse seafarers to these shores almost a thousand years ago; and

WHEREAS Leif Erikson, a pathfinder in the stirring period of Norse colonization and discovery, is of special significance and inspiration to the ten million Americans of Scandinavian descent; and

WHEREAS it is particularly fitting to give national recognition to this bold explorer today, when men of similar courage and resourcefulness are challenging the equally formidable unknowns of our own times; and

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, by a joint resolution approved September 2, 1964 (78 Stat. 849), authorized the President to proclaim October 9 in each year as Leif Erikson Day:

36 USC 169c.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Saturday, October 9, 1965, as Leif Erikson Day; and I direct the appropriate Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day.

I also invite the people of the United States to honor the memory of Leif Erikson on that day by holding appropriate exercises and ceremonies in schools and churches, or other suitable places.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twelfth day of August in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-five, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninetieth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3667**SMITHSON BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION****By the President of the United States of America**August 13, 1965**A Proclamation**

James Smithson of London, England, on June 27, 1829, bequeathed his estate to the United States of America "to found at Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." By subsequent acts of Congress, the United States received Smithson's property and accepted his trust. In faithful execution of this trust, by Act of Congress approved on August 10, 1846, the President, the Vice Presi-

20 USC 41 et seq.