



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Generations of German immigrants and their descendents have helped build America and chart its course through history; and
- WHEREAS: German-Americans have been a part of America's history since its earliest days, beginning with the establishment of the Jamestown Colony in 1607 and the arrival of German Quakers and Mennonite families in 1683. Many of these early settlers came to America seeking religious freedom and the chance to develop a community based on tolerance and respect for all people. During the westward expansion of the United States, many German families helped settle communities, found cities, and develop the agriculture industry; and
- WHEREAS: Since territorial days, Americans of German descent have contributed to Minnesota's agricultural, business, educational, medical, cultural, and civic institutions; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans of Germanic lineage continue to be active participants in the public life of a state renowned for hard work, literacy, innovation, and tolerance; and
- WHEREAS: Germanic ancestry is claimed by more Minnesotans than any other ethnic identity, resulting in vigorous and fruitful connection and cooperation between Minnesota and contemporary German-speaking countries; and
- WHEREAS: We recognize these proud citizens for their important contributions to America and honor the bond between two great nations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 2007 as:

GERMAN-AMERICAN MONTH

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 fifth day of October in the year two thousand and seven, and of the State the one hundred forty-ninth.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE