

Proclamation

WHEREAS: *the largest immigrant group in Minnesota is of German extraction; and*

WHEREAS: *there is a need to pass on their rich heritage to young people; and*

WHEREAS: *Concordia College of Moorhead, Minnesota, has, through its Language Village program, provided living and learning experiences for young people since 1961; and*

WHEREAS: *over 12,000 young people have participated in the Language Village programs including over 3,000 in the German Language Village, Lager Waldsee; and*

WHEREAS: *an 800-acre site near Bemidji, Minnesota, is presently the site of a Norwegian Language Village and villages are planned there for German, French, Russian, Spanish, Swedish and Finnish languages; and*

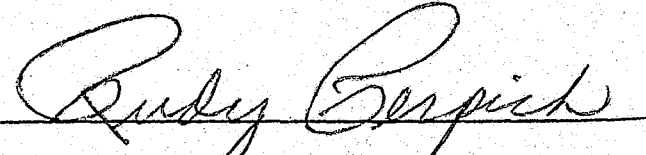
WHEREAS: *over 100 cyclists from several states and foreign countries will be riding in the first 800-kilometer bicycle tour through 45 communities in the German areas of Minnesota to aid the Language Village program;*

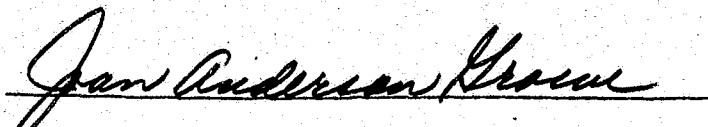
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the period from Saturday, August 5, to Tuesday, August 15, 1978 to be

DIE WANDERTOUR DAYS

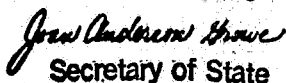
in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to join in this observance and to express their appreciation and recognition to "Die Wandertour" and its focus on the state's German heritage.

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 first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight and of the State the one hundred twentieth.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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