



Proclamation

WHEREAS: A KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER LANGUAGES AND CULTURES IS A RECOGNIZED HUMANISTIC PURSUIT OF INTRINSIC VALUE THAT ALSO ENHANCES CAREER PREPARATIONS; AND

WHEREAS: SUCH KNOWLEDGE IS NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESS OF BOTH AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND AMERICAN BUSINESS IN AN INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT WORLD AND IS THEREFORE IN THE NATIONAL AND STATE INTEREST; AND

WHEREAS: FAMILIARITY WITH OTHER LANGUAGES AND CULTURES EXPANDS COMMUNICATION AMONG PEOPLE AND INCREASES UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE VARIOUS ETHNIC AND CULTURAL GROUPS IN THE WORLD AND WITHIN AMERICAN AND MINNESOTA SOCIETY; AND

WHEREAS: OUR CITIZENS CONTINUE TO REPRESENT A WEALTH OF CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC GROUPS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE QUALITY AND VARIETY OF LIFE IN MINNESOTA; AND

WHEREAS: THIS STATE IS AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CENTER OF TRADE, TOURISM, INDUSTRY, TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION; AND

WHEREAS: THE STUDY OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES HAS BEEN STRONGLY ENCOURAGED IN THE HELSINKI ACCORDS OF 1975, BY THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, AND IN A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE 96TH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; AND

WHEREAS: THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MARCH 1 THROUGH 7, 1981 TO BE

LANGUAGES AND CULTURES WEEK

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS NINETEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND.

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