



Proclamation

WHEREAS: October 6, 1983, will mark the three hundredth anniversary of German immigration to America commencing with the sail vessel Concord, and that 1983 has been declared as the "Tricentennial Anniversary Year of German Settlement in America"; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota throughout its history has greatly benefited from the presence of German Americans through their leadership in education, agriculture, government, trade, industry, religion and all other aspects of daily life within our state; and

WHEREAS: Much of what we perceive to be the American way of life and culture, can be attributed to those values and identities which come to Minnesota with various groups, among which are the Germans; and

WHEREAS: The descendants of German speaking immigrants form the largest single ethnic group in Minnesota and have maintained their mother tongue through succeeding generations to a greater extent than any other language group; and

WHEREAS: Americans of German speaking ancestry continue to provide valuable contributions to life in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: That the period of September 25 to October 8, 1983, be specifically designated to honor and celebrate German immigration to Minnesota through an appreciation of German American contribution to our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 25 through October 8, 1983 to be

GERMAN FEST FOR A HERITAGE FULFILLED DAYS

in Minnesota.

Jean Anderson Howe
Rudy Perpich

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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MAY 10 1983
Jean Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State