

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The French Language Village develops American students' enthusiasm for and knowledge of the French language and culture, and fosters a better understanding of international relations and peace; and

WHEREAS: The Concordia Language Villages were started in 1961, out of the conviction that the time to learn another language is at an early age, and in a setting similar to the country in which that language is spoken; and

WHEREAS: The Concordia Language Villages were featured by CBS News in July, 1987 as an example of one of the finest language programs in the country; and

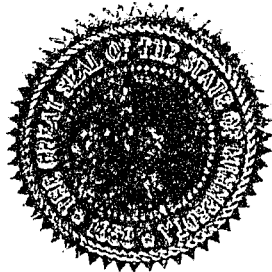
WHEREAS: The program takes place each summer at Minnesota lakeside locations where students from all over the country aged 7 to 18 attend summer programs in foreign languages, and actually become "villagers", going through customs when they arrive at camp, adopting a foreign name, giving up all American books, tapes and radios, exchanging dollars for foreign currency, staying in cabins named after foreign cities and trying to follow as many customs as possible of the language and culture they are studying; and

WHEREAS: Because of this unique program students in Minnesota and throughout the country now have the opportunity to experience what life in France is like and to learn the language and customs of this country through singing French songs, playing French games, conversing in French, eating French food and more;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 19, 1988 to be

CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES DAY

in 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 eighteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

Rudy Perpich
STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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