

STATE OF DELAWARE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



STATEMENT  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE ORGAN

*Whereas*, the American Guild of Organists, the national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields, has officially declared July 2008 through June 2009 as the International Year of the Organ; and

*Whereas*, this association, chartered by the board of regents of the University of the State of New York in 1896, has designated this year a time for exhibiting our pride in the "King of Instruments" and celebrating its colorful history and unparalleled contributions to the universal language of music; and

*Whereas*, the 21,000 members of the American Guild of Organists located throughout the United States and the world are holding many activities to celebrate the year, including organ recitals, organ building workshops and community events of all kinds; and

*Whereas*, October 19, 2008 will be an international day of celebration and the focal point of the 2008 -2009 International Year of the Organ, during which more than 250 celebrations will be held globally to showcase the organ and its history; and

*Whereas*, the International Year of the Organ will be the largest musical celebration of its kind ever to be held on a global basis; and

*Whereas*, federal, state and local government officials throughout the United States, as well as civic and social organizations, educators, musicians, music enthusiasts and others will join together to honor the organ.

*Now, Therefore, We, Ruth Ann Minner, Governor,  
and John C. Carney, Jr., Lieutenant Governor,*  
do hereby declare

July 2008-June 2009 as the International Year of the Organ

and urge all Delawareans to recognize the delightful impact organ music  
has brought to their lives.



*Ruth Ann Minner*  
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Governor

*John C. Carney, Jr.*  
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Lieutenant Governor