


State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS (AGO), 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 (IYO); 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 ITS MUSIC 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, EUROPE, SINGAPORE, KOREA, AND SYDNEY, ARE HOLDING A MULTITUDE OF ACTIVITIES WORLDWIDE TO CELEBRATE THE IYO, 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 FOCAL POINT OF THE 2008-2009 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE ORGAN, DURING WHICH MORE THAN 25 CELEBRATIONS WILL BE HELD GLOBALLY TO SHOWCASE THE ORGAN AND ITS HISTORY; AND
- WHEREAS,** HUNDREDS OF GUILD CHAPTERS, AS WELL AS MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WILL BE SPONSORING THEIR OWN LOCAL ACTIVITIES TO HELP GENERATE INCREASED AWARENESS OF THE ORGAN; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE GUILD WILL BE WORKING WITH COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND CONSERVATORIES TO PROMOTE ORGAN EDUCATION AND APPRECIATION, AS WELL AS OFFERING "PEDALS, PIPES AND PIZZA" AND OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS TO YOUNGER STUDENTS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED WITH THE ORGAN AND ORGAN MUSIC; 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;

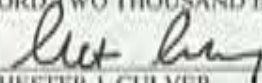
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JULY, 2008 THROUGH JUNE, 2009, AS

THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE ORGAN

IN IOWA:



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 3RD DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.


CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE