

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive  
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor

## CERTIFICATE OF TRIBUTE

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I,  
Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, do hereby honor the

### American Guild of Organists

**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**, The association, chartered by the board of regents of the University of the State of New York in 1896, has designated this year as 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,

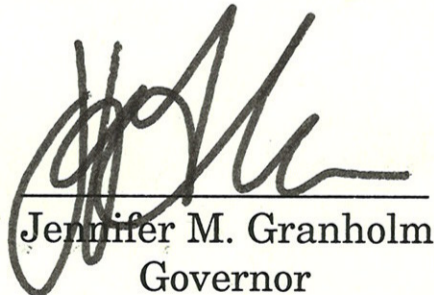
**Whereas**, 21,000 members of the American Guild of Organists are located throughout the United States, Europe, Singapore, Korea and Sydney, and are holding a multitude of activities worldwide to celebrate the IYO, such celebrations include organ recitals, organ-building workshops, and community events of all kinds; and,

**Whereas**, October 19, 2008, will be an international day of celebration and focal point of the year long recognition, during which more than 250 celebrations will be held globally to showcase the organ and its history; and,

**Whereas**, The Guild will be working with colleges, universities and conservatories to promote organ education and appreciations, 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 now therefore be it,

**Resolved**, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby offer this Tribute to recognize the American Guild of Organists as they celebrate the Year of the Organ.



  
Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor