



**Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri**

**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; and

WHEREAS, members of the American Guild of Organists throughout the world will hold a multitude of activities worldwide to celebrate including organ recitals, organ-building workshops and community events of all kinds; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2008 more than 250 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 association 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;

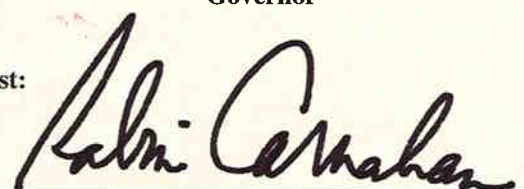
NOW THEREFORE, I, Matt Blunt, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim June, 2008 – June, 2009 as the

**YEAR OF THE ORGAN**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.



  
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Governor

Attest:   
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Secretary of State