



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Citizens of Minnesota have growing social, cultural, and economic ties to the global community...
WHEREAS: Minnesota and states across America are welcoming many new neighbors, friends, employees, and citizens from countries and cultures throughout the world...
WHEREAS: Language education in the twenty-first century must include a commitment to the study of world languages beginning in the early grades...
WHEREAS: Studying other languages has been shown to contribute to increased cognitive skills, better academic performance, and a greater understanding of others...
WHEREAS: Proficiency in other languages enhances career opportunities for Minnesota's citizens and provides employers with a well-prepared workforce for the international marketplace...
WHEREAS: Developing skills in a new language fosters personal and intellectual growth in students while contributing to economic prosperity, national security, and world stability...
WHEREAS: World language educators are working cooperatively to promote the benefits of language learning to students, policy makers, business, industry, health, and social service leaders throughout the nation...
WHEREAS: These same leaders and educators are urging the public to recognize the value of delivering better education that includes competence in English and at least one other language for all our students...

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tim Pawlenty, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim 2005 as:

YEAR OF LANGUAGES

in the State of 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 20th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and five, and of the State the one hundred forty-seventh.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

Mary Kiffmeyer
SECRETARY OF STATE