

**THE YEAR OF LANGUAGES PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MONMOUTH COLLEGE, MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, MONMOUTH COLLEGE IS AN UNDERGRADUATE LIBERAL ARTS INSTITUTION WHICH EXISTS TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND CITIZENSHIP IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT; AND

WHEREAS, MONMOUTH COLLEGE SEEKS TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHICH IS VALUE-CENTERED, INTELLECTUALLY CHALLENGING, AESTHETICALLY INSPIRING, AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE; AND

WHEREAS, THE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM AND CAMPUS LIFE OF MONMOUTH COLLEGE INTRODUCES STUDENTS TO MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION AND PROMOTES SELF-AWARENESS OF GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES BOTH THROUGH THE CURRICULUM AND THROUGH CAMPUS LIFE; AND

WHEREAS, MONMOUTH COLLEGE SEEKS TO PROVIDE A VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR AN INCREASING NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD; AND

WHEREAS, SIX LANGUAGES IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH WILL BE TAUGHT AT MONMOUTH COLLEGE IN 2005; AND

WHEREAS, ALL MONMOUTH COLLEGE GRADUATES ARE EXPECTED TO DEMONSTRATE BASIC PROFICIENCY IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE; AND

WHEREAS, EMPLOYERS INCREASINGLY NEED EMPLOYEES WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS RELATED TO OTHER CULTURES, COUNTRIES AND LANGUAGES; AND

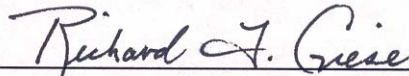
WHEREAS, THE AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR THE TEACHERS OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES (ACFTL), THE ONLY NATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE TEACHING AND LEARNING OF ALL LANGUAGES AT ALL LEVELS OF INSTRUCTION THROUGHOUT THE U.S., HAS DECLARED 2005 TO BE THE YEAR OF LANGUAGES IN ORDER TO CELEBRATE THE BENEFITS AND VALUE OF LANGUAGE LEARNING; AND

WHEREAS, MONMOUTH COLLEGE SUPPORTS THE VISION STATEMENT OF THE YEAR OF LANGUAGES THAT ALL AMERICANS SHOULD BE PROFICIENT IN AT LEAST ONE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH, THAT FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION MUST BE PART OF THE CORE CURRICULUM AND BE TREATED AS CENTRAL TO THE EDUCATION OF ALL CHILDREN, AND THAT FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATORS MUST STRIVE FOR UNITY OF PURPOSE AND TAKE STEPS TO REALIZE FULLY THE POTENTIAL OF PROFESSIONAL STATUS;

NOW THEREFORE, I, RICHARD GIESE, PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM 2005 AS THE YEAR OF LANGUAGES AT MONMOUTH COLLEGE AND URGE ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE COLLEGE'S OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE OFFERINGS.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE UNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE GREAT SEAL OF MONMOUTH COLLEGE THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2004.




RICHARD F. GIESE, PH.D.
PRESIDENT