STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS, "German-American Day" - October 6, 1987 - establishing a national day of celebration honoring the German heritage of our country, has been designated by Congressional Joint Resolution (H.J.Res. 180, sponsored by Representative Thomas A. Luken of Ohio and Indiana's own Senator Richard G. Lugar) and so proclaimed by President Reagan; and

WHEREAS, the culture of our great nation has been abundantly enriched and strengthened by the wide diversity of individuals from many nations who have contributed significantly to the formation of our American Society; and

WHEREAS, millions of German immigrants have made countless contributions to the human, economic, political, social and cultural life of America; and

WHEREAS, Indiana citizens of German descent constitute an important and valued part of our state's populace; these citizens have added significantly to the strength and quality of Hoosier life; and

WHEREAS, October 6, 1987 marks the 304th anniversary of first German settlement in America at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, dedication of the German-American Friendship Garden in the District of Columbia on this date will mark this historic anniversary and celebrate the close friendship which exists between West Germany and the United States; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with this nationwide celebration, it is fitting that the rich cultural traditions of German-American Hoosiers be commemorated;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D. Orr, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 6, 1987, as

GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY

in the State of Indiana, and call upon all citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this the 4th day of September, 1987.

BY THE GOVERNOR: ROBERT D. ORR
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST:
Evan Bayh
Secretary of State