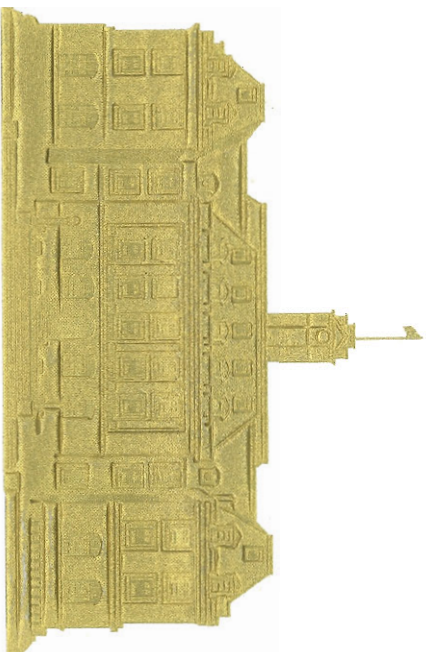


Proclamation



Whereas: Each September, Staten Islanders recognize German-American Friendship Month as an opportunity to pay tribute to the many contributions of German-Americans in our community and throughout the United States in the fields of law, religion, agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture, cuisine, theatre, and exploration; and

Whereas: Hundreds of refugees fleeing the 1848 political upheavals in Germany came to New York, many settling in the “Little Deutschland” section of Manhattan, while others made their homes on Staten Island, largely in the North Shore neighborhoods of Clifton and Stapleton, and founded several breweries, including Bechtel’s, Bachmann’s, Bischoff’s, and Rubsam and Horrman’s; and

Whereas: The highlight of German-American Friendship Month is the Steuben Parade, which honors the memory of Baron Friedrich Wilhelm Von Steuben, who came to this country to lend his heroic support to General George Washington in the struggle for American independence, and who will be remembered once again on September 25th when the 53rd annual parade marches up Fifth Avenue, led by two Grand Marshals, “Dr. Ruth” Westheimer, the world-renowned relationship and sex therapist; and Dr. Michael Moeller, Managing Director of “Staatliches Hofbrauhaus Munich”; and

Whereas: German-American Friendship Month gives Staten Islanders of all ethnic backgrounds an opportunity to honor and salute German-Americans and to say ‘Vielen Dank!’ for helping to make New York the greatest city in the world,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES P. MOLINARO
President of the Borough of Staten Island, by virtue of the
power and authority vested in me by the laws of the City and
State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 2010 as

GERMAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP MONTH

in the Borough of Staten Island.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal of the Borough of Staten Island
this 1st day of September in the year of Our Lord,
Two Thousand and Ten.

James P. Molinaro

