


PROCLAMATION


“ GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE DAY”

- WHEREAS, Gustavus Adolphus College was founded 150 years ago as Minnesota Elementar Skola in 1862 in Red Wing, Minnesota to establish a place to teach Swedish men and women of the new Augustana Synod to be pastors and teachers; and
- WHEREAS, a group of Saint Peter and surrounding area leaders believed the town of Saint Peter would be a better place if it was home to a college; and
- WHEREAS, Saint Peter had the largest group of Swedish immigrants in Minnesota and a Swedish Lutheran church and Gustavus was eventually relocated to Saint Peter; and
- WHEREAS, the first classes started in Old Main in October, 1876; and
- WHEREAS, several appeals were made to move Gustavus Adolphus College to Minneapolis or St. Paul, however City leaders continued to find the money and local support to keep the college in Saint Peter; and
- WHEREAS, Gustavus and the community have grown together and have been intertwined in a mutually beneficial partnership since 1875; and
- WHEREAS, Gustavus employees are part of the fabric of our community; and
- WHEREAS, nearly 42,000 students have been educated at Gustavus since the college was established.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy Strand, Mayor of the City of Saint Peter, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2011 as “GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE DAY” in the City and hereby do congratulate the College on their Sesquicentennial anniversary and extend my congratulations to the students, alumni, faculty and staff of Gustavus Adolphus College on this momentous day. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Saint Peter to be affixed this 12th day of September, 2011.



Timothy Strand
Mayor

ATTEST:


Todd Prafke
City Administrator

