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German American Societies

OF SAN DIEGO, INC.

County Supervisors
c/o Leon Williams, Chairman
County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Hwy.,
San Diego, CA 92101

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Dear Supervisor Williams:

It is with extreme pleasure that I, Henriette Orestano, President of the German-American Societies of San Diego, again take this opportunity to write this letter to you.

As proclaimed by our Past President, Ronald Reagan, in 1987, 1988 and in 1989 and 1990 by President George Bush, October 6th, was declared German American Day. Throughout the U.S. many major cities observe this special day by having it publicly recognized locally.

We set this day aside in our hearts and mind to honor the many contributions made by German Immigrants who first arrived in the United States in 1683. Perhaps today, well over sixty million Americans, can attest their partial ancestry to Germany.

It is my heartfelt wish that this occasion could again, in this year of 1991, be recognized officially by yourself as the Chairman of the County Supervisors of San Diego County. This public announcement also would again spark enthusiasm into the many thousands of us here locally to retain our identity, and to strive to continue to live up to the fine accomplishments achieved by the pioneer immigrants from our native country.

May I express to you in advance, my sincere appreciation for publicly announcing this day, October 6th, as German American Day, this is the fifth year to have had this day proclaimed. This starts us off with a big head-start for a day of fond memories, fund and festivities. It is hoped that after this year it will become a legal holiday. In June of this year the Senate passed a resolution to this effect. It is my understanding the House of Representatives will be voting on this issue this coming week. (There are 220 co-sponsors as of this date).

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Thank you Supervisor Williams for your consideration on behalf of all the families of German and German American decent.

Sincerely,
GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCIETIES OF SAN DIEGO, INC.

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