



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: This year, China's Shaanxi Province and the State of Minnesota proudly commemorate the 25th anniversary of our sister-state relationship that began in 1982 when Minnesota Governor Al Quie and Shaanxi Governor Yu Mingtao formally signed the agreement at a ceremony in St. Paul, Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota-Shaanxi sister-state relationship continues to flourish today through the strong support and dedication of organizations such as the Minnesota Chapter of the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association and the Minnesota-Shaanxi Association; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota greatly values our dynamic relationship with the Province of Shaanxi, and we appreciate the numerous business, educational, and cultural exchanges that stem from the sister-state partnership and strengthen our common bond of friendship; and
- WHEREAS: In addition, the Minnesota-China Partnership has worked to engage public and private organizations throughout the state in promoting all facets of Minnesota's connections with China, including trade and investment, science and academia, arts and culture, and friendship and humanitarian endeavors; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's international community recognizes future opportunities to continue developing and expanding our sister-state relationship, and we remain committed to creating greater prosperity, understanding, and friendship with the people of Shaanxi.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2007 as:

MINNESOTA-SHAANXI SISTER-STATE MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this sixth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the State the one hundred forty-ninth.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR