

Proclamation



Donnie Weaver

Whereas: In 1967, Donnie Weaver was introduced to the autoharp by a cousin and subsequently taught himself to play by listening to the record album "Mother Maybelle Carter and Her Autoharp" over and over, and,

Whereas: In 1971 Donnie, his wife Linda, and her parents Burton and Elizabeth DeBusk recorded a tape which they took to Bob Montgomery, a radio and television personality known as The Ole Sheriff, resulting in their being hired for his Saturday television show "Here Comes the Sheriff" on WJL in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and,

Whereas: In the ensuing years, both with and without the family, Donnie played with such legendary musicians as Ola Belle Reed and her son David, The Phipps Family, and E. C. and Orna Ball as well as with Janette and Joe Carter at the Carter Fold, and,

Whereas: In 1978 a quirk of fate led to Donnie and the family performing at the National Folk Festival at Wolf Trap Farm in Virginia. This, in turn, led to performances at the Smithsonian Institute and other prestigious venues, and,

Whereas: After meeting George and Mary Lou Orthey, they were asked to perform at the first open Mountain Laurel Autoharp Gathering, and,

Whereas: Donnie did a live radio broadcast every Saturday, originating from the back room of his music store,

Therefore, let it be resolved that Donnie Weaver be inducted with highest commendations as the 2006 posthumous member of The Autoharp Hall of Fame.

So it is proclaimed on this, the Twenty-Fourth Day of June in the year Two Thousand and Six.