By Senator Jacobsen

WHEREAS, The United States is a nation built by diverse peoples from all parts of the world and brought to our country their energy, skills, and a deep desire to build a better life; and

WHEREAS, Danish immigrants and their descendants have made a profound impact by furthering the proud democratic traditions that have defined the United States and made our country a beacon of liberty and progress to the world; and

WHEREAS, The Danish Immigrant Museum has faithfully carried out its mission to recognize and share the legacy of the Danish Immigrant experience while preserving the immigration story from Denmark and Northern Europe; and

WHEREAS, The Danish Immigrant Museum, founded in 1983, continues its campaign to better preserve and share the Danish-American experience through the use of state-of-the-art technologies, displays, and exhibits; and

WHEREAS, The Danish Immigrant Museum works cooperatively with the Danish American Archive and Library at Dana College, the Danish Immigrant Archives at Grand View University, and the Danish American Heritage Society to better preserve the Danish Immigrant experience; and

WHEREAS, Several cities in the state of Washington, notably Seattle, Bellingham, and Enumclaw have long maintained their strong Danish traditions, and preserved the proud legacy of those Danish people who first came to the Pacific Northwest over 150 years ago and whose profound impact on the development of our economy and progress of our social values continues today;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate does hereby acknowledge and honor the Danish Immigrant Museum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Danish Immigrant Museum.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8671, adopted by the Senate January 14, 2010

THOMAS HOEMANN Secretary of the Senate