

# Proclamation



## Glen Peterson

Whereas: Until Glen R. Peterson, grandson of Oscar Schmidt, became the owner of Oscar Schmidt, Incorporated, the Autoharp had progressed little from its beginnings in the 19th Century, and,

Whereas: In 1963, armed only with the potential he saw in the Autoharp, Glen R. Peterson accepted the responsibility for Oscar Schmidt, Incorporated. Because it was a failing company producing a few hundred instruments, he faced an almost insurmountable task. From 1963 until 1978, Peterson completely revised the design, manufacturing, and distribution of the Autoharp, and,

Whereas: The ever-growing presence and popularity of the Autoharp as we know it today is largely due to the steadfast conviction of one man, Glen R. Peterson,

Therefore, let it be resolved that Glen R. Peterson be inducted with highest commendations as the 1996 posthumous member of The Autoharp Hall of Fame.

So it is proclaimed on this, the Sixth Day of July in the year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.