



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

Whereas, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 12-16, 2012 as International Education Week to raise awareness of the benefits and value of international education to our nation's peace and prosperity; and

Whereas, international education and exchange include thousands of programs – public and private, campus-based and national – that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders; these include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

Whereas, by participating in such programs, students can develop a greater appreciation and respect for the people and cultures of other countries, and are more prepared to succeed in a global environment; and

Whereas, we live in an increasingly interconnected world, and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness, and national security; and

Whereas, in these challenging economic times, the importance of preparing citizens for engaging in a global economy is of paramount importance and can be fostered through educational and cultural exchange; and

Whereas, through international education, the United States can establish a foundation for dialogue and partnership with the rest of the world and improve conditions for lasting global peace, security, and well-being; and

Whereas, New York State has over 76,000 international students – the second largest number among all states in the country – and the New York Metropolitan area receives more such students than any other city in the United States; we recognize the tremendous resources that these individuals bring to our state and the significant impact they have on our economy; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers are encouraged to participate in observing the goals and purpose of this week-long observance and to recognize the importance of international education to our nation's future;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim November 12-16, 2012 as

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this ninth day of October in the year two thousand twelve.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor