

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 16-20, 2009 as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions 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, our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures and are more prepared for 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, Through international education, the United States can establish a foundation for dialogue and partnership with the rest of the world and create the conditions for lasting global peace, security, and well-being; and
- WHEREAS, I call upon the citizens and institutions of this state to participate in celebrating this week and to recognize the importance of international education in our lives and communities;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim November 16-20, 2009, as

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in Kentucky, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine and in the 218<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

Handwritten signature of Steven L. Beshear in black ink.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Trey Grayson in black ink.

Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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