



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

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 important role international education plays in our nation; and

WHEREAS: International education and exchange includes thousands of programs -- public and private, campus-based and national -- which promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders. These include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on American campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to education in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS: By participating in such programs, young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures, and break down barriers to the understanding and cooperation which are vital to peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS: Improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness, and national security in our increasingly interconnected world; and

WHEREAS: This week we celebrate and recognize the importance of international education in our lives and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 16 - 20, 2009, as:

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the State the one hundred fifty-first.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE