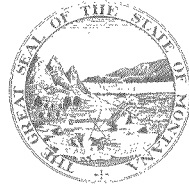


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LT. GOVERNOR

October 21, 2009

Marlene M. Johnson  
1307 New York Avenue, NW, Eighth Floor  
Washington, DC 20005-4701

Dear Ms. Johnson:

I am pleased to recognize "International Education Week" in the State of Montana.

In an age of global trade and interdependence, learning the languages and cultures of the world help strengthen relationships that are instrumental to global peace and security.

I appreciate the efforts of NAFSA (Association of International Educators) to raise public awareness about the importance of international education. By participating in international programs, our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures, and are more prepared for a global environment.

I encourage the citizens of Montana to take time to acknowledge November 17-21, 2009 as "International Education Week".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Schweitzer", written over the printed name and title.

BRIAN SCHWEITZER  
Governor