

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## 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 many important contributions of international education to our nation; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*International education and exchange include 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 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 break down barriers to understanding and cooperation, which are vital to peace and prosperity; 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,**

*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, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of November 16 - 20, 2009, as*

### **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK**

*in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Nine.*



Attest:

*Jan D. Lee*

Secretary of State

*Dave Heineman*

Governor