

# Proclamation

## by Governor Joe Manchin III

**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, which 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;

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Joe Manchin III, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *November 16-20, 2009*, as:

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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of international education in our lives and our communities.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nine, and in the One Hundred Forty-seventh year of the State.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joe Manchin III".

Joe Manchin III  
Governor

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Natalie E. Tennant".

Natalie E. Tennant  
Secretary of State