

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Proclamation

WHEREAS, international education and exchange include thousands of programs 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 wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the United States Departments of State and 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:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 16-20, 2009 as **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK** in Illinois, in recognition of the importance of international education in our lives and communities.

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



Steve White
SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-THIRD day of OCTOBER, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
NINE, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETY-FIRST

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR