

*State of Maine*



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; including 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 Maine's 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

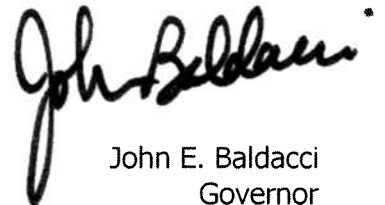
WHEREAS, I call upon the citizens and institutions of this state to participate in celebrating this week and to recognize the importance of international education in our lives and communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim November 16-20, 2009 as


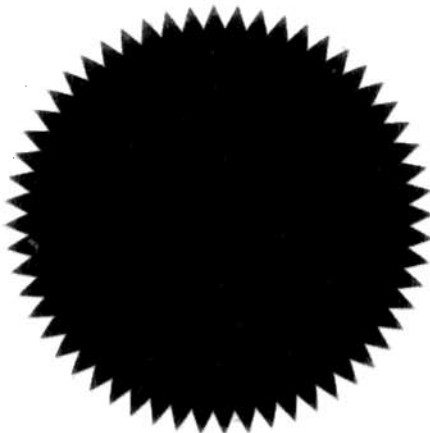
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throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-third day of October Two Thousand and Nine.



John E. Baldacci  
Governor



Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State  
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