



## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

### GUBERNATORIAL 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, 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 well-being; and

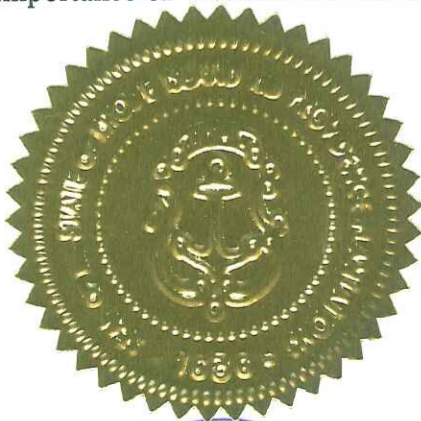
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD L. CARCIERI, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM,**

**November 16 - 21, 2009**

**as**

**International Education Week**

in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to join in recognizing the importance of international education and to join in the observance of this week.



**In recognition whereof**, I have hereby set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to be hereunto affixed this 16th day of November 2009.

**Donald L. Carcieri**  
Governor

**A. Ralph Mollis**  
Secretary of State