

PROCLAMATION

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, The United States Department of State and Department of Education have declared November 15 through November 19, 2004 as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions of international education to the nation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes that international education is a fundamental part of general and professional studies in our contemporary world; and

WHEREAS, increasingly complex international trade relations, the urgent needs of developing nations, concern for the preservation of our global ecology and the constant goal of world peace require that today's students be concerned with the world at large, appreciate and respect cultures and nations other than their own, and graduate with skills necessary to live and work effectively in an international context; and

WHEREAS, no student in the State of Alabama education system should be exempted from acquiring some sensitivity to the dynamic interaction of the many cultures and forces at work in our world society, so as to contribute affirmatively as citizens of a world-wide community; and

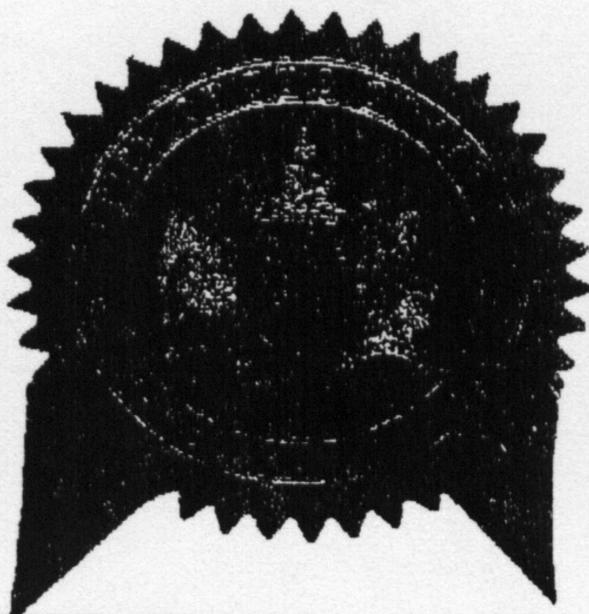
WHEREAS, opportunities abound in higher education which enhance the understanding of other cultures and nations and contribute constructively toward a better future throughout the world curricula, research, faculty exchange, study abroad and the presence of international students/scholars on our campuses; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is ideally suited to accomplish these objectives and take pride in its strong international presence through research and academic programs throughout higher education across the State of Alabama:

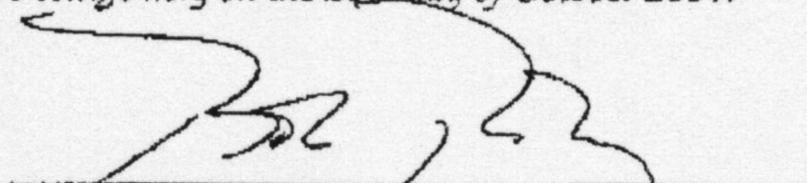
NOW, WHEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim, November 15 through November 19, 2004, as

International Education Week

in the State of Alabama and endorse the promotion and expansion of international education in an effort to promote peace and further broaden the global literacy of students and citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 26th day of October 2004.


Governor Bob Riley