

A PROCLAMATION

DECLARING NOVEMBER 15-19, 2004, "INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK" IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

WHEREAS, international education programs promote and encourage the exchange of ideas, the sharing of tradition and heritage, and the uniting of diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, international education enables students and education professionals to gain insight into other languages and cultures, as well as building relationships based on mutual trust, respect and understanding; and

WHEREAS, these relationships are essential to the peace and prosperity of the world; and

WHEREAS, the exchange of ideas in international education programs is important, as many of these scholars make significant contributions to the world of science, art, politics, business, and education; and

WHEREAS, the global perspective achieved through international education programs is vital to the success of New Hampshire's students in the twenty-first century workforce; and

WHEREAS, this global perspective prepares our students to live, work and succeed in an increasingly global economy, as well as promoting tolerance and cultural exchange between the United States and other nations; and

WHEREAS, the educational institutions in the State of New Hampshire are committed to encouraging and developing international education opportunities and developing global literacy for the students of our State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CRAIG BENSON, GOVERNOR of the state of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 15-19, 2004, as INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK in New Hampshire and I encourage students, teachers and other education professionals to take part in international studies and exchange programs that promote cultural awareness, mutual understanding, and respect for citizens across the globe.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this ninth day of November, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and four, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and twenty-nine.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig R. Benson", is written over a horizontal line.

Craig R. Benson
Governor of New Hampshire