

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

**\* INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK \***

**WHEREAS**, building and strengthening mutual understanding with our neighbors around the globe is fundamental to the peace, prosperity, and sustainability of the world, and educating international students is an important way to impart cross-cultural understanding, and to create a network of thoughtful partners throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, several thousand international students from more than one hundred countries around the world are now studying in Arizona, and more than one thousand Arizona students and community members will study and volunteer abroad this year; and

**WHEREAS**, institutions of higher education in Arizona participate in a wide variety of exchange programs with similar institutions around the world and offer world-class opportunities for international education; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that institutions in our state be committed to developing global literacy of students and other citizens as an integral part of their education; and

**WHEREAS**, International Education Week was established in 1999 as a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education as a way to promote international understanding in schools and institutions in the United States and abroad; institutions of Higher Education will participate in activities celebrating and recognizing the importance of international education in our lives and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, an emphasis on international education is essential in effectively training and educating a diverse human capital for the competitive demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 17-21, 2008 as

**\* INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK \***

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

*Janet Napolitano*

GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this seventeenth day of October in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third.

**ATTEST:**

*Janice K. Brewer*

Secretary of State

