  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

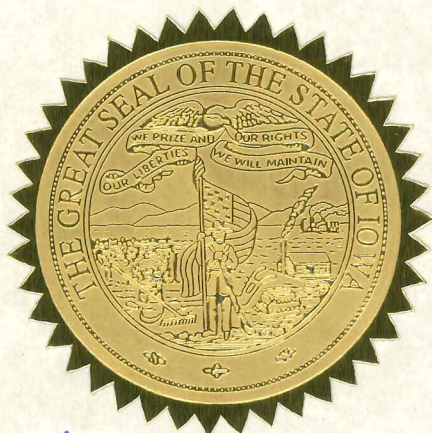
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

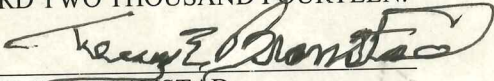
- WHEREAS,** all children in Iowa should have the right to the highest-quality schools possible; and
- WHEREAS,** citizens across Iowa agree that improving the quality of education in Iowa and expanding access to highly effective schools should be an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowa recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all children in Iowa to be successful in a global economy; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowa has a multitude of high-quality public school, nonpublic school and home school options; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowa has many superior teaching professionals in public and nonpublic schools across Iowa who are committed to educating children; and
- WHEREAS,** the vital cause of education reform is one that transcends ideology and political party affiliation; and
- WHEREAS,** research in Iowa and across our nation demonstrates conclusively that providing children with a variety of educational options improves academic performance:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim recognize the week of January 26-February 1, 2014, as


**IOWA SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-  
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED  
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO  
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 23<sup>rd</sup>  
DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR  
LORD TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN.

  
TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
MATT SCHULTZ  
SECRETARY OF STATE