



**Adoption Resolution
November 1, 2006**

State of New Jersey

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, New Jersey students need to meet global standards of education and develop 21st century skills in order to compete and succeed in the global workplace; and

WHEREAS, the global marketplace has become a “level playing field” with no guaranteed competitive advantage for our students making the need to integrate international knowledge and skills into the core curriculum essential; and

WHEREAS, high levels of student achievement in math, science and other content areas are sought worldwide along with the ability to attain higher levels of competency in world languages to communicate effectively and form partnerships with citizens across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education continues to support the teaching of world languages in grades K-12, particularly those important to the global economy, such as Chinese; and

WHEREAS, this year’s international education theme is *International Education: Engaging in Global Partnerships and Opportunities*; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education/International Education and Resources Network (iEARN) partnership will prepare teachers in each county to integrate online project-based learning in their specific content area with schools across the globe thereby fostering partnerships worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education is developing a guide for integrating international content throughout the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards from the elementary through the high school level; and

WHEREAS, from November 13-17, 2006 the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have proclaimed the seventh annual International Education Week affirming international education as critical to state and national interests; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education hereby recognizes the importance of November 13-17, 2006 as International Education Week in New Jersey and strongly supports Governor Jon S. Corzine’s reiteration of the need for students to “learn more in better schools” so they can prosper in the economy of the future, and “have the perspective to embrace the complexities of the evermore interconnected and complex world.”

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