



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, all New Yorkers recognize that the future depends on today's youth who will become tomorrow's leaders and that a sound education is key to producing the next generation of successful, productive and conscientious citizens; and

**Whereas**, New York State supports collaborative efforts that promote the academic achievement of children and encourages strong parental involvement through active and meaningful participation in their children's education, along with an established channel of communication between home and school; and

**Whereas**, research indicates there is a direct correlation between high student achievement and the high expectations and positive contributions of a child's parents/caregivers; and

**Whereas**, family involvement in a child's learning is critical to their success in all stages of their educational careers, and a decisive factor in attaining a good job; and

**Whereas**, creating an environment where learning takes place not just in a classroom – but becomes a central part of family life – requires that parents/caregivers play a more active role in their children's education; and

**Whereas**, the importance of the role that parents/caregivers have in creating a successful pre-school through college education system for each New York child cannot be overstated; and

**Whereas**, the New York State Parental Information and Resources Centers (PIRCs) and the New York State PTA are available to assist families with ideas and resources so that parents/caregivers may engage more fully in their children's education and develop stronger connections with schools and communities; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting to support the goals of this observance, as when parents/caregivers, schools and communities work together, our children are more likely to succeed in school and the workplace and, subsequently, in all other aspects of their lives;

**Now, Therefore**, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 2008 as

## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION MONTH

in the Empire State.



**Given** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this thirtieth day of September in the year two thousand eight.

*David A. Paterson*

Governor

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Secretary to the Governor