



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Public Schools Week**

**WHEREAS**, in Rhode Island there are over 300 public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, public schools are the foundation of education in our country; and

**WHEREAS**, every child has the right to an education that helps them reach their full potential and to attend schools that offer a high-quality educational experience; and

**WHEREAS**, our public schools prepare young people to contribute to our society and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, students, teachers, and professionals make our public schools' vital components of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island's public schools' support world class talent, foster excellence in learning and engage communities; and

**WHEREAS**, public schools should provide an environment where all students can succeed beginning in their earliest years, regardless of who they are or where they live;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim February 24 – March 1, 2020, as: ***Public Schools Week*** in the state and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 19 day of February, 2020

**Gina M. Raimondo**  
Governor

**Nellie M. Gorbea**  
Secretary of State