

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, The legality of home education in the state of Indiana was recognized on the basis of State v. Peterman (1904), in which the Indiana Appellate Court defined a school as “ a place where instruction is imparted to the young” and held that a school at home counts as a private school; and
- WHEREAS, The purpose of home education is to encourage good character development, and high academic performance in a caring home, fully directed and funded by the parents or guardians; and
- WHEREAS, Many notable Americans from the early history of our nation to modern times have been home educated including George Washington, John Quincy Adams, James Garfield, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, Booker T. Washington, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington Carver, and Susan B. Anthony; and
- WHEREAS, Studies denote that children educated at home develop self-confidence, manifest themselves as good citizens and are well prepared academically to meet the challenges presented to them in our world today; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana Home Educators and home instructed students should be recognized for their efforts to improve the quality of education in Indiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim March 19-25, 2017 as

INDIANA HOME EDUCATION WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 16th  
day of March the year of our  
Lord 2017 and of the Independence  
of the United States 241.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Eric J. Holcomb*