

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

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

**PROCLAMATION**

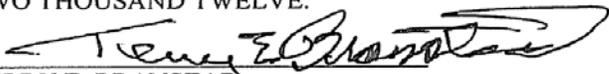
- WHEREAS,** Literacy builds the community by meeting the needs of persons with differing backgrounds and learning abilities; and providing access to information and removing barriers to education and training; and
- WHEREAS,** literacy strengthens families by empowering all family members to be involved in children's learning, connecting generations through stories and words; and breaking the cycles of inter-generational low literacy/high poverty; and
- WHEREAS,** literacy ensures people's right to self-determination by emphasizing problem solving and critical thinking; and giving people voices to their experience and life issues, and engaging individuals in advocacy; and
- WHEREAS,** literacy improves the workforce by giving workers access to information and training; and improving the skills of able but low-literate workers; and
- WHEREAS,** literacy is essential to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, all Iowans, regardless of age or status, have the right to learn to read and write in order to participate fully and equitably in our democracy:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the week of April 9–14, 2012 as

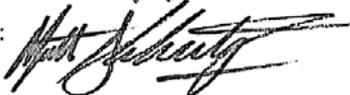
**RIGHT TO LITERACY WEEK**



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 12 DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

  
TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
MATT SCHULTZ  
SECRETARY OF STATE