

Proclamation

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Schools make substantial contributions to the future of America and to the development of our nation's young people as knowledgeable, responsible, and productive citizens; and
- WHEREAS, Excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure, and peaceful school settings; and
- WHEREAS, The safety and well-being of many students, teachers, and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, such as substance abuse, gangs, bullying, poor discipline, vandalism, and absenteeism in our schools; and
- WHEREAS, All leaders-especially those in education, law enforcement, government, and business-should eagerly collaborate with each other to focus public attention on school safety and identify, develop, and promote answers to these critical issues; and
- WHEREAS, Numerous schools and school districts throughout the country, along with national programs, are among those innovative answers; and
- WHEREAS, The observance of Safe Schools Week encourages students, parents, educators, and the community to make a personal commitment to get involved in school safety issues highlighting bullying prevention activities themed as "Get Involved and Get it Solved, Stop the Bullying!" to promote safe and secure learning climates:
- Now, Therefore, we, do hereby proclaim October 15-21, 2017 as
"SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK"

And encourage all fraternal, legal, government and professional associations, students and educators in America's schools to formally adopt similar resolutions and proclamations so that we may enthusiastically work together to make our schools safe, secure, and peaceful places for learning, teaching, and working, free of drugs, alcohol, weapons, and fear.

Done this 10th day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.



Stephen L. Pruitt, Commissioner of Education