

2017 National Lutheran Schools Week

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Scripture exhorts and reminds us to “Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock” (Is. 26:4); and

Whereas, All Lutheran education finds its beginning and its end in that same Rock, Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, This unique educational model, grounded in Christ, is and will be even more needed and important in a culture that increasingly leads children and young adults toward chaos and confusion, rather than toward the order and peace that come from Him; and

Whereas, Lutheran education directs young people to their heavenly Father, Who loves them on account of Christ, while simultaneously offering them thorough instruction in how to discern the world around them through a distinctly Lutheran lens; and

Whereas, The Lord has seen fit to bless schools and children with teachers, pastors and church workers who encourage and assist students to think broadly and boldly, both academically and theologically, for the students’ benefit as well as for the sake of the world and the Church; and

Whereas, Finding their mutual foundation in the Rock, teacher, student and parent learn together to make a faithful confession of Christ, while also discovering the joy inherent in His gifts of science and math, English and history, art and music through rigorous scholastic study; and

Whereas, Teaching and learning – being both a thinking and speaking student of Christ’s Word as well as of academia – remains an LCMS mission priority, with Lutheran educators who continue to ground children in the Rock while encouraging them to be lifelong learners; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Jan. 22-28, 2017 be officially proclaimed as National Lutheran Schools Week in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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