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GREETINGS:

It gives me great pleasure to recognize February 23 – March 1, 2008 as National Entrepreneurship Week. I would like to thank AdVanz and the Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education for sponsoring this week's events.

This week will give many an opportunity to experience some new and creative ideas. Exposing our students to innovative thinking will help open doors for a bright future. Your participation in this week shows you understand this and that you are dedicated in making certain every student has every opportunity to succeed. For that I thank you.

The world has experienced drastic changes and our students are facing a new globally competitive economy. Innovative skills are a crucial component to the future success of the Commonwealth's workforce in meeting new challenges. It is my hope that throughout this week, ideas will be shared, relationships forged, and horizons expanded.

We've made great strides in our ability to target resources toward facilitating the connection between education and the needs of the workforce on a local, national, and global level. We cannot accomplish this daunting task without the help of passionate individuals like yourself, and I urge you to continue your efforts.

I am proud to join you in celebrating National Entrepreneurship Week. On behalf of all Pennsylvanians, best wishes for an enjoyable and successful week.

Sincerely,

Gerald L. Zahorchak, D.Ed. Secretary of Education

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