



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

**SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK
March 6-10, 2017**

WHEREAS, today's children are tomorrow's leaders. They amaze us with their intelligence and intuition and inspire us with their creativity and optimism; and

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program has served our nation admirably since it was permanently established in 1975; and

WHEREAS, my administration is dedicated to expanding access to and enhancing current school breakfast programs throughout the commonwealth to ensure that our children are provided with the means to succeed; and

WHEREAS, research shows that preschool and school-age children who experience severe hunger have higher levels of chronic illness, anxiety, depression, and more behavioral problems than children receiving a well-balanced diet; and

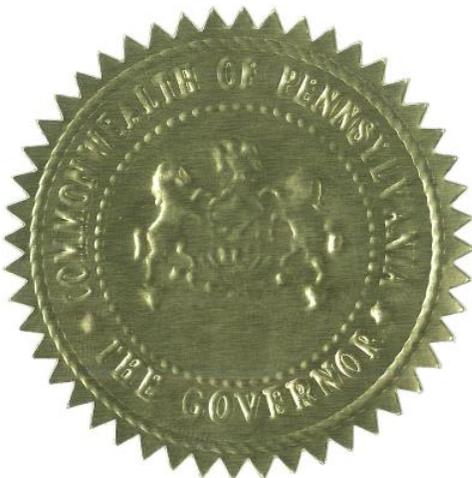
WHEREAS, frequent studies have shown that meals provided at school not only contribute to the nutritional needs of students, but also significantly increase and enhance their ability to learn; and

WHEREAS, as parents, teachers, and adult mentors, we are endowed with the responsibility of providing the children of our communities and commonwealth with the basic resources needed to grow, learn, discover their own potential, and live happy fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, cooperation between parents, teachers, and school food personnel has the ability to make a lasting impression on the nutritional habits of our children. It is our duty to lead by example and to support programs that give students the proper guidance and resources to eat and live healthy.

THEREFORE, in recognition of the importance of school food programs and our enhanced awareness about the value of nutrition education for our children, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 6-10, 2017, as SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK. I encourage all citizens to recognize the efforts made by schools, their food service directors, and cafeteria staff to ensure the health, safety, and success of our children.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, this sixth day of March two thousand seventeen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-first.



Tom Wolf
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Governor