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## PROCLAMATION REQUEST MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Linda Cook  
Chairwoman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Norwich

**FROM:** Andrew R. Campanella  
President, National School Choice Week

**SUBJECT:** Town of Norwich School Choice Week (Jan. 22 – 28)

**DATE:** November 28, 2016

I am writing to respectfully request that you issue an official proclamation commemorating January 22 - 28, 2017 as Town of Norwich School Choice Week.

I have attached draft proclamation text for your convenience. The proclamation, along with National School Choice Week, provides you with an opportunity to recognize the excellent education options available to families in Town of Norwich as a part of a nationwide celebration.

Held every January, National School Choice Week shines a spotlight on effective education options for children – including traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online learning, and homeschooling.

National School Choice Week 2017 will feature nearly 20,000 independently-planned events across all 50 states, which will make it the largest celebration of educational opportunity in American history. Schools and community organizations in almost every city and county across America are participating.

As a nonpolitical, nonpartisan public awareness campaign, National School Choice Week does not advocate for legislation. We have enjoyed wide support from elected officials of both parties. During our celebration in 2016, more than 250 mayors and county executives, along with 33 governors, issued proclamations recognizing the Week. The US Senate also unanimously passed a bipartisan resolution recognizing NSCW.

I hope you will join us in celebrating National School Choice Week by issuing an official proclamation. If you have any questions, please contact National School Choice Week’s outreach manager, Noelle DeLaney, at [noelle@schoolchoiceweek.com](mailto:noelle@schoolchoiceweek.com), or by telephone at 202-480-2927 ext. 820. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



## SUGGESTED PROCLAMATION LANGUAGE

### A Proclamation Commemorating Town of Norwich School Choice Week

WHEREAS all children in Town of Norwich should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS Town of Norwich recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Town of Norwich to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Town of Norwich; and,

WHEREAS Town of Norwich is home to a multitude of excellent education options from which parents can choose for their children; and,

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS our area has many high-quality teaching professionals who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Cook do hereby recognize January 22-28, 2017 as Town of Norwich **SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

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#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- To download a copy of this language in Word format, visit [www.schoolchoiceweek.com/proclamations](http://www.schoolchoiceweek.com/proclamations).
- If you issue a proclamation, please send a .pdf copy of the proclamation to Noelle DeLaney at [Noelle@schoolchoiceweek.com](mailto:Noelle@schoolchoiceweek.com), so that we may recognize you for participating.
- If you choose to send a hard copy of an issued proclamation, please send it to: Noelle DeLaney, National School Choice Week, 28 Paul Drive, San Rafael, California 94903.

## CITIES AND COUNTIES ISSUING SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK PROCLAMATIONS IN 2016

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Albany County, New York	Columbus, Georgia	Hillsborough County, Florida
Allen, Texas	Concord, New Hampshire	Hilo County, Hawaii
Amador County, California	Costa Mesa, California	Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Amarillo, Texas	Crest Hill, Illinois	Hoover, Alabama
Apple Valley, California	Crook County, Wyoming	Indian River County, Florida
Arlington Heights, Illinois	Davenport, IA	Indio, California
Arlington, Texas	Dayton, Ohio	Irving, Texas
Armstrong County, Pennsylvania	De Baca County, New Mexico	Irvington, New Jersey
Atlantic City, New Jersey	Dearborn, Michigan	Jackson County, Missouri
Aurora, Colorado	Deltona, Florida	Jackson County, Oregon
Austin, Texas	Denton, Texas	Jackson, Mississippi
Avondale, Arizona	Denver, Colorado	Jacksonville, Florida
Baker County, Oregon	DeSoto County, Florida	Jefferson County, Missouri
Baltimore, Maryland	Echo, Minnesota	Johnson County, Kansas
Bannock County, Idaho	El Cajon, California	Johnson County, Wyoming
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi	Elgin, Illinois	Joliet, Illinois
Beaverton, Oregon	Erie , New York	Kalamazoo, Michigan
Benewah County, Idaho	Fort Bend County, Texas	Kansas City, Missouri
Bessemer, Alabama	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	Kent County, Michigan
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania	Frederick County, Maryland	Kent, Washington
Billings, Montana	Fremont County, Wyoming	Killeen, Texas
Biloxi, Mississippi	Fullerton, California	Kissimmee, Florida
Birmingham, Alabama	Fulton County, Georgia	La Paz County, Arizona
Bloomington, Illinois	Gainesville, Florida	Laguna Niguel, California
Bolingbrook, Illinois	Garden Grove, California	Laguna Niguel, California
Boynton Beach, Florida	Garland County, Arkansas	Lake , Florida
Broome County, New York	Gary, Indiana	Lake County, Oregon
Bucks County, Pennsylvania	Gilbert, Arizona	Lakeland, Florida
Cache County, Utah	Gilchrist County, Florida	Lakewood, Colorado
Camden, New Jersey	Goldsboro, North Carolina	Largo, Florida
Carbon County, Pennsylvania	Gooding County, Idaho	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Cascade County, Montana	Greeley, Colorado	Lauderhill, Florida
Charleston, South Carolina	Greene County, New York	League City, Texas
Charlotte, North Carolina	Greenville, South Carolina	Lee County, Florida
Chattanooga, Tennessee	Hamilton County, Ohio	Lehigh County, Pennsylvania
Chautauqua County, New York	Hancock County, Maine	Lewis County, New York
Clark County, Nevada	Hawaii County, Hawaii	Lewisville, Texas
Cleveland, Ohio	Henderson, Nevada	Los Angeles County, California
Clifton, New Jersey	Hernando County, Florida	Loudon County, Virginia
Cloud County, Kansas	Hesperia, California	Lyon County, Nevada
Cobb County, Georgia	Highland Village, Texas	Madera County, California

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- Madison County, Alabama
- Mahoning County, Ohio
- Maitland, Florida
- Manatee County, Florida
- Mansfield, Ohio
- Manteca, California
- Marion County, Florida
- Marion County, Kansas
- Mariposa County, California
- Medford, Oregon
- Melbourne, Florida
- Memphis, Tennessee
- Miami Gardens, Florida
- Miami, Florida
- Midland, Texas
- Milpitas, California
- Miramar, Florida
- Mission Viejo, California
- Modoc County, California
- Montgomery, Alabama
- Moreno Valley, California
- Nashville, Tennessee
- Nassau County, Florida
- Nassau County, New York
- New Bedford, Massachusetts
- New Orleans, Louisiana
- Newport News, Virginia
- Norfolk, Virginia
- O'Fallon, Missouri
- Oakland County, Michigan
- Oceanside, California
- Orange County, New York
- Orange, New Jersey
- Orlando, Florida
- Oswego County, New York
- Ozark, Missouri
- Palatine, Illinois
- Palm Bay, Florida
- Pasco County, Florida
- Paterson, New Jersey
- Pembroke Pines, Florida
- Pensacola, Florida
- Peoria County, Illinois
- Peoria, Arizona
- Pharr, Texas
- Phoenix, Arizona
- Placer County, California
- Plantation, Florida
- Pompano Beach, Florida
- Portsmouth, Virginia
- Prince George's County, Maryland
- Prince William County, New York
- Racine County, Wisconsin
- Redondo Beach, California
- Reno, Nevada
- Richardson, Texas
- Richland County, South Carolina
- Richmond, Virginia
- Rio Ranch, New Mexico
- Rockland County, California
- Rockland County, New York
- Roseville, California
- Sacramento County, California
- Sacramento, California
- Saint Charles City, Missouri
- Saint Joseph, Missouri
- San Antonio, Texas
- San Luis Obispo County, California
- San Mateo County, California
- San Ramon, California
- Santa Clara, California
- Santa Cruz County, Arizona
- Santa Rosa, California
- Scottsdale, Arizona
- Sedgwick County, Colorado
- Sedgwick County, Kansas
- Sedgwick County, Kansas
- Sheridan County, Wyoming
- Shreveport, Louisiana
- Sioux City, Iowa
- Smith County, Texas
- Somerset County, Pennsylvania
- Sonoma County, California
- Springdale, Arkansas
- Springfield, Massachusetts
- St. Charles, Missouri
- St. Louis, Missouri
- Stanislaus County, California
- Sumner County, Tennessee
- Sumter County, Florida
- Suwannee County, Florida
- Tacoma, Washington
- Tampa, Florida
- Temecula, California
- Thornton, Colorado
- Thousand Oaks, California
- Tracy, California
- Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- Tyler, Texas
- Uintah County, Utah
- Upland, California
- Vacaville, California
- Vallejo, California
- Vancouver, Washington
- Venango County, Pennsylvania
- Victorville, California
- Volusia County, Florida
- Waldo County, Maine
- Walton County, Florida
- Warren County, Pennsylvania
- Warwick, Rhode Island
- Wasatch County, Utah
- Washington County, Pennsylvania
- Washington, DC
- Waterbury, Connecticut
- Watertown, South Dakota
- West Palm Beach, Florida
- Wichita Falls, Texas
- Will County, Illinois
- Will County, Illinois
- Woodbury, Minnesota
- Woodstock, Georgia
- Yamhill, Oregon
- Yavapai County, Arizona