PROCLAMATION

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING DAY
March 27, 2020

WHEREAS, social emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions; and

WHEREAS, SEL competencies develop throughout our lives and are essential to success in our schools, workplaces, homes, and communities and allow individuals to contribute meaningfully to society; and

WHEREAS, SEL can be taught and developed throughout childhood and adolescence. Schools, families, and the wider community must be engaged to enhance the strength of acquisition of SEL competencies; and

WHEREAS, supporting SEL is a wise use of public resources because of the long-term social and economic benefits to society resulting from the implementation of evidence-based SEL; and

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania all citizens are encouraged to learn about and share their knowledge of the importance of integrating evidence-based SEL into our schools, organizations and communities;

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2020, as PENNSYLVANIA SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING DAY and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this thirteenth day of February two thousand twenty, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fourth.

TOM WOLF
Governor