

*A Proclamation Commemorating School Choice Week*

WHEREAS all children in our area should have access to an effective education that prepares them for successful adulthood; and,

WHEREAS quality education is essential to the economic and social strength of our area; and,

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

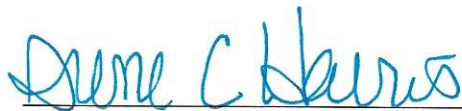
WHEREAS it is important that all parents explore and identify the best educational choices for each child: and,

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that providing children with multiple education options improve academic performance regardless of family income, location, or learning ability; and,

WHEREAS, programs such as Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit which provide scholarships to students fleeing failing or inadequate schools deny more than 50% of applicants for lack of funds due to arbitrary tax credit caps; 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 additional educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, We, SUN Area Council of Republican Women, do hereby recognize January 20-26, 2019 as **SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**, and call this observance to the attention of all area residents. Further we call upon our elected State Representatives and State Senators to champion legislation that expand educational choice throughout the Commonwealth.



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