

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office PROCLAMATION

*SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD DAY*  
March 3, 2010

*WHEREAS, People with intellectual and developmental disabilities constitute one in five of our population; and*

*WHEREAS, we strive to educate, confront and engage youth about the hateful language often unintentionally directed at people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and*

*WHEREAS, the use of the R-word perpetuates prejudice and discrimination toward people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and*

*WHEREAS, we seek to create communities of respect, acceptance and inclusion for all; and*

*WHEREAS, we seek to end the popular use of the R-word.*

*THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2010 as SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD DAY in Pennsylvania, and encourage all Pennsylvanians to Spread the Word to End the use of the R-word throughout their communities and schools.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this first day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-fourth.*

*Edward G. Rendell*

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor