



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### PROCLAMATION

Student mentoring programs are an effective way to develop an enriching learning environment in California schools. Research has shown that student mentoring programs increase attendance and improve academic performance. Mentored youths are 52 percent less likely to skip school, 46 percent less likely to experiment with drugs and 27 percent less likely to drink alcohol.

Thousands of children in California are in need of volunteer mentors, and mentoring programs and coalitions throughout the state are committed to meeting this demand. Mentoring partnerships between business and education provide a vital channel for businesses to support young Californians in their communities.

For years, Californians have reached out to their next generation by providing meaningful encouragement, motivation and hope as volunteer mentors. National Mentoring Month increases public awareness of the need for volunteer mentors, and offers recognition and gratitude to the countless men and women who donate their time as mentors throughout California.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim January 2004, as "California Mentoring Month."



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of January 2004.

Handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.

Arnold Schwarzenegger  
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:  
Handwritten signature of Kevin Shelley in black ink.  
Kevin Shelley  
SECRETARY OF STATE