## SOUTHEASTERN YEARLY MEETING of the Religious Society of Friends office@seym.org • (407) 739-4150 • www.seymquakers.org • p.o.box 4024, Winter Park, FL 32793

January 21, 2018

Dear Principal or Employer,

On behalf of Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), the affiliated body of Quaker meetings (congregations) located throughout Florida and the coastal regions of Georgia and South Carolina, I wish to acquaint you with our long tradition of holding an annual gathering of Friends (Quakers) for worship and business.

This five-day event is held each year in the days before and including Easter. It is central to the life of our Quaker community and the practice of our faith.

Please recognize this as a religious holiday for Quakers in your school or place of work, and allow them to be excused to attend this event without penalty or revoking of privileges as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, Amendment 1.

The student or employee should bring to you a flyer that shows the exact dates and program for our annual gathering, so that you are clear on the dates. This year's sessions are being held March 28 through April 1, 2018.

We are grateful for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Carlie, Clerk Southeastern Yearly Meeting