

GRADUATE STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Graduate Student Appreciation Week, sponsored by the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students, is designed to raise awareness of the role of graduate and professional students within America's colleges and universities; and,

Whereas, the economy of the City of West Lafayette is strengthened by the research and development efforts of graduate students; and,

Whereas, graduate students in the City of West Lafayette, through their notable accomplishments and outstanding achievements, have contributed tremendously to the community; and,

Whereas, graduate students are the future teaching professionals, researchers, and leaders of the city, the state, the nation and the world; and,

Whereas, there are over **8,000** graduate and professional students enrolled at Purdue University in the City of West Lafayette; and,

Whereas, the graduate student population is over 40% international students, bringing in cultural diversity which enhances the City of West Lafayette; and,

Whereas, during the week of **April 2-6, 2012**, Purdue University will celebrate the contributions of graduate students;

NOW, THEREFOERE, I John R. Dennis, Mayor of the City of West Lafayette do hereby proclaim the week of April 2-6 as

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in the City of West Lafayette and call upon the citizens of West Lafayette to observe the week with appropriate programs and activities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the City of West Lafayette at the Mayor's Office, this 27th day of March, 2012.

Mayor John R. Dennis, Mayor
City of West Lafayette