

# *Proclamation*

- Whereas* The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA)— now recognized as The Barbershop Harmony Society—was officially organized April 11, 1938 in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and
- Whereas* The Lafayette Indiana Chapter of the SPEBSQSA (the **Tippecanotes Chorus**), was officially organized within the Society’s **Cardinal District** in the year 1947, and
- Whereas* The Barbershop Harmony Society celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and our local **Tippecanotes Chorus** celebrates its 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and
- Whereas* The Cardinal District of the SPEBSQSA has chosen the **Tippecanotes Chorus** to host its Spring Convention and Chorus-Quartet competitions in Lafayette/West Lafayette thru the weekend of March 22-24, 2013, and
- Whereas* The Barbershop Harmony Society, its Districts and Chapters encourage harmony amongst all people of the world through the universal language of music; actively preserving and presenting a distinct style of vocal music that originated in North America, and
- Whereas* **Barbershoppers** promotes musical education in our high schools and communities through music scholarships and other means, and support charitable foundations; and
- Whereas* The **Tippecanotes** are engaged in laudable civic service and enrichment of our cultural life through the fostering of traditional values in entertainment and community endeavors;

*Now, therefore,* I, John R. Dennis, Mayor of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, do hereby proclaim March 22 – 24, 2013 as

## *Barbershop Harmony Days*

*In witness whereof,* I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the City of West Lafayette to be affixed, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.