

City of Indianapolis



Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Western Governors University (WGU) Indiana was established by the state of Indiana one year ago today as Indiana's nonprofit, online, competency-based university to expand access to higher education for Indiana residents in partnership with Western Governors University; and

WHEREAS, WGU Indiana has spent the past year making an impact on the lives of its 1,300 Indiana students in more than 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in Business, Education, Information Technology, and Healthcare professions, including nursing; and

WHEREAS, WGU Indiana was created to fill the clear and most challenging gap remaining in our state's family of higher education opportunities, recognizing that more than 730,000 Hoosiers have some college experience but no degree; and

WHEREAS, WGU Indiana also helps working adults who have already earned bachelor's degrees go further in their careers by pursuing master's degrees; and

WHEREAS, today WGU Indiana is launching its 92-county tour of Indiana, starting here in Marion County, to engage and encourage more students to go further by reaching their potential; and

WHEREAS, WGU Indiana's continued growth, which has resulted in the hiring of more than 100 full-time professionals in the past year, demonstrates the success of this new option in higher education; and

WHEREAS, WGU Indiana's competency-based education model is changing lives and making college possible for working adults who require and value affordable, flexible degree programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY A. BALLARD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 11, 2011 AS:

WGU INDIANA "GO FURTHER" DAY

In the City of Indianapolis, and I ask all citizens to join me in this observation.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS ON THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN.

Handwritten signature of Gregory A. Ballard.

BY GREGORY A. BALLARD
MAYOR
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS