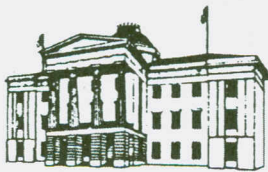


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

GRADUATE EDUCATION WEEK AND GRADUATE EDUCATION DAY

2011

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, graduate education is vital to the scientific, cultural and economic needs of local, state and global communities and is critical to discovery and creativity; and

WHEREAS, graduate education draws more than 46 thousand students from North Carolina, as well as from across our nation and the world, to our prestigious colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, our 21st Century economy will depend upon the skills of a highly educated workforce, with many careers requiring an education level of a master's degree or beyond; and

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, workers with graduate degrees will increase 18% by 2018; and

WHEREAS, graduate students help mentor undergraduate students, act as teaching assistants, and support the efforts and research of faculty while becoming experts in their chosen fields of study; and

WHEREAS, a graduate education provides a higher level of expertise that prepares students to become highly skilled professionals; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is proud to be home to numerous graduate programs in diverse disciplines, offering scholars a wide array of opportunities to advance their education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 22-28, 2011, as "**GRADUATE EDUCATION WEEK**" and May 25, 2011, as "**GRADUATE EDUCATION DAY**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.