PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Ovid Butler, a lawyer, journalist, and abolitionist, founded North West Christian University in 1855 on the principles of innovation, access, and equality, becoming only the second college in the United States to do so; and

WHEREAS, in honor of its founder, the university became Butler University in 1877 while continuing to take a radical stance in admitting women and people of color on an equal basis with white males; and

WHEREAS, the students, faculty, and staff of Butler University are committed stewards of Ovid Butler’s legacy who strive to promote his vision through tolerance and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, Butler University Founder’s Day celebrates Ovid Butler’s legacy and reminds students, faculty, and staff of the university’s rich diverse, inclusive, and equal heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Indianapolis congratulates Butler University on its 160th Anniversary and commends their dedication to upholding their founding principles;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY A. BALLARD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 7, 2015 AS:

BUTLER UNIVERSITY FOUNDER’S DAY

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

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HENCEUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS ON THIS 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.

[Signature]

BY GREGORY A. BALLARD
MAYOR
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS