



A proclamation from President Burns Hargis

WHEREAS, each April, the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students, in cooperation with sister organizations in Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom, sponsors a week to recognize the contributions of Graduate and Professional Students to their universities, communities, and states, and,

WHEREAS, there are over 5000 graduate and professional students enrolled in the Oklahoma State University system; and,

WHEREAS, graduate and professional students come from all over the United States and abroad; and,

WHEREAS, graduate and professional education attracts students from diverse backgrounds and contributes to the rich diversity of students at Oklahoma State University; and,

WHEREAS, graduate and professional students contribute to the research, teaching and outreach mission of our university; and,

WHEREAS, about 480 undergraduate courses have graduate students as instructors; and,

WHEREAS, about 26% of OSU graduate students are teaching assistants who contribute to the teaching mission of our university; and,

WHEREAS, about 19% of OSU graduate students are research assistants who contribute to the research mission of our university; and,

WHEREAS, research and development contributions made by graduate-professional students strengthens the Oklahoma economy; and,

WHEREAS, the graduate-professional students are future leaders, administrators, researchers, teachers, of the state, the nation and the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, V. Burns Hargis, President of Oklahoma State University, do hereby proclaim the week of April 12 -- April 16, 2010, **Graduate-Professional Student Appreciation Week at Oklahoma State University**