

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) has the third largest graduating class in the state of Indiana and is the largest educator of the health and life science workforce in the state. IUPUI's Class of 2020 has proven their dedication to their educational advancement, demonstrating tremendous resolve to complete their academic pursuits amidst the global COVID-19 pandemic. This year has tested the mettle of student and educator commitment. In light of this perseverance through hardship, it is right to herald such an achievement; and

WHEREAS, this year's graduates represent the full diversity of our community. Nearly one in five graduates are of racial and/or ethnic minority heritage. 27.9% are the first in their family to attend college. 58.8% of graduates are female. As our city seeks to foster more equity in the prosperity of men, women, and families, it will be diverse representations like this graduating class that will provide the measure of our success. Though 2,933 IUPUI students come from right here in Marion County, it is our hope that those joining us from elsewhere will consider finding a permanent home here as our cherished neighbors; and

WHEREAS, in absence of celebration, this time can instead offer an opportunity to reflect on the experiences of a college career and the opportunity to discover what you truly value in life. Over the course of your formal education, you have developed friendships, learned both inside and outside the classroom, and grown as individuals. Though your time at school may be ending, these are benefits you will always possess; and

WHEREAS, IUPUI 2020 graduates are celebrated today and every day in the City of Indianapolis for their selfless and unwavering pursuit of excellence. A time will come for public ceremony and celebration. Until then, use this time to appreciate the wisdom and fortune granted by an IUPUI education. Congratulations to the Class of 2020—go Jags!

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH H. HOGSETT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 16, 2020 AS:

GRADUATES OF IUPUI 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 16TH DAY OF
MAY IN THE YEAR TWO
THOUSAND TWENTY.**

**JOSEPH H. HOGSETT
MAYOR | CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS**