



DECLARATION

AS LEADERS OF INDIANA'S UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, WE JOIN TOGETHER TO DECLARE:

- ◆ A post-secondary degree, credential, or certificate is essential to an individual's economic success and self-sufficiency in the 21st Century economy; and
- ◆ All students need abundant motivation and aspiration to learn the academic and life skills needed for post-secondary readiness, access, and success; and
- ◆ Strong support from family, community, and school are essential to a student's academic preparation and achievement; and
- ◆ A one-on-one relationship with a caring mentor can build upon a student's strengths, identify and help a student overcome challenges, and provide the encouragement and information necessary for the student to succeed in school and succeed in life.

Therefore, as the nation celebrates "National Mentoring Month" in January 2012, we encourage Hoosiers to vigorously support youth mentoring as a life-changing strategy for the personal, academic, and economic success of Indiana children and youth.



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