WHEREAS, Each year, colleges and universities across the country set aside a special week to recognize the importance of the student work experience; and

WHEREAS, An educated workforce contributes to a more prepared, productive, and prosperous society; and

WHEREAS, The earning capacity of college graduates is significantly greater than for those without college degrees; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, the median income for young adults with a bachelor's degree was $45,000, compared to $29,900 for those with only a high school diploma or equivalent; and

WHEREAS, The average work-life earnings of those with master's degrees is about $1.3M more than for high school-only graduates; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, the unemployment rate among people holding bachelor’s degrees was approximately half that of high school-only graduates; and

WHEREAS, Employment helps students stay in school, and may afford practical application of their classroom education, including through service learning; and

WHEREAS, Many students could not afford the cost of higher education, except for flexible job opportunities that fit their academic schedules; and

WHEREAS, Student employees benefit both public and private sectors in the city of Moscow, contribute to our economy, and add vibrancy to our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moscow supports employment opportunities for students, and promotes job creation for graduates;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Chaney, Mayor for the City of Moscow, do hereby proclaim April 7-12, 2013, to be

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT WEEK**

in Moscow, and call upon all residents to join with the University of Idaho and Washington State University in observing this occasion and recognizing the reliability, initiative, and unique contributions of student employees.

DATED this 10th of April, 2013

Nancy Chaney, Mayor