



- 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,** Attracting and retaining students in higher education is critical to the future of our community, state, nation, and world; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2010, the median income of university graduates with bachelor's degrees was \$412 per week more and in excess of \$21,000 per year above that of those with only high school diplomas; and
- WHEREAS,** The average work-life earnings of high school-only graduates is about \$1.4M less than for those with master's degrees; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2010, the unemployment rate among people holding bachelor's degrees was approximately half that of those with only high school diplomas; 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 escalating 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, 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 9-15, 2012, 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 9<sup>TH</sup> of April, 2012

*Nancy Chaney*

Nancy Chaney, Mayor