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Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week

Sponsors: Alex Evans, Ulric J. Ferner

Whereas, Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week, sponsored by the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students, is designed to raise awareness of the role of graduate and professional students within America's colleges and universities; and

Whereas, the economy of the Commonwealth is strengthened by the research and development efforts of graduate and professional students; and

Whereas, graduate and professional students, who comprise a large percentage of the total student population at Massachusetts universities, make integral contributions to advancement in a range of fields; and

Whereas, these graduate students conduct important research and present their findings at national and international conferences, thereby enhancing the reputation of the Commonwealth and its universities; and

Whereas, today's graduate and professional students are tomorrow's teaching professionals, researchers, lawyers, doctors, and business leaders, who will contribute significantly to the Commonwealth's future well-being;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Graduate Student Council supports the proclamation of the week of April 3rd, 2011 through April 8th, 2011 to be Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week, and supports the GSC Legislative Action Subcommittee in seeking this proclamation from the Massachusetts state government.