



U N I V E R S I T Y O F M I S S O U R I - R O L L A

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH DAY

April 13, 2005

**WHEREAS**, undergraduate research is a critical component of experiential learning and experiential learning is one of UMR's strategic initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, research is a critical part of the mission of the University of Missouri. As a land grant institution, it was founded on the premise that new knowledge should be discovered for the benefit of the society; and

**WHEREAS**, experiential learning through research, design and service are important educational methodologies through which students master their discipline and hone valuable analytical skills and the ability to work effectively as a member of a team; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Missouri-Rolla has emerged as a leader in promoting experiential learning. While many universities have impressive research activities, their success stems from the efforts of faculty assisted primarily by graduate students. While the University of Missouri-Rolla boasts high quality graduate programs, undergraduates participate in a broad spectrum of experiential learning activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Missouri-Rolla emphasizes the participation of undergraduates in research through a number of means, including an annual undergraduate research conference. This event provides an opportunity for University of Missouri-Rolla undergraduates to showcase their research efforts to the campus community and to the public.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Gary Thomas**, Chancellor of the University of Missouri-Rolla, do hereby proclaim April 13, 2005 to be

**“UMR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH DAY”**

on the University of Missouri-Rolla campus, and urge the campus community to join me in recognizing the research accomplishments of undergraduates at the University of Missouri-Rolla

Chancellor Gary Thomas