



## OMAHA CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Central High School traces its roots to 1859 and has, as its mission, "to continue a tradition of excellence emphasizing academic achievement, responsible global citizenship, pride in diversity, and enduring scholarship;" and,

WHEREAS, Central is now an authorized International Baccalaureate school, one of just three Nebraska high schools offering the IB Diploma Program; and,

WHEREAS, the IB Diploma Program is an academically challenging and balanced program of education with final examinations that prepare students for success in college and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, the IB Diploma Program promotes the education of the whole person, emphasizing intellectual, personal, emotional and social growth through all domains of knowledge and its participants strive to be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective; and,

WHEREAS, the first requirement of the IB Diploma Program is the Extended Essay, an opportunity to investigate a research question of individual interest and familiarize students with the independent research and writing skills expected in college; and,

WHEREAS, while there are 600 students in projected Central High Class of 2014, just 23 students, or four percent, have completed the Extended Essay and are potential IB Diploma candidates; and,

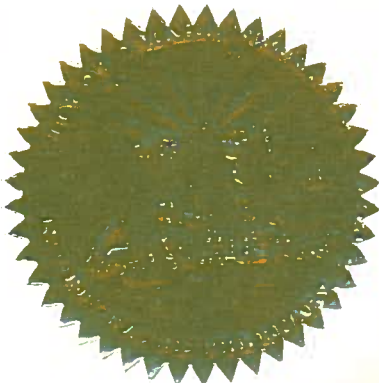
WHEREAS, by virtue of their outstanding progress towards completing the rigorous demands of the IB Diploma Program, these Central High students are the embodiment of the Central High School mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OMAHA:

THAT the City Council hereby congratulates the potential IB Diploma candidates at Central High School for their accomplishments thus far and offers the City Council's best wishes to the potential candidates in achieving their goals of IB Diplomas.

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