

## TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the annual Bouchercon World Mystery Convention will take place for the first time in Indianapolis from October 15 - 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Indiana's rich heritage of best-selling authors, including Theodore Dreiser, Booth Tarkington, and Gene Stratton-Porter, also includes mystery writer and Nero Wolfe creator Rex Stout; and

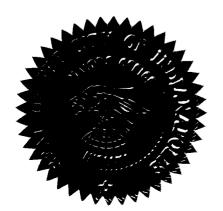
WHEREAS, Indiana University's Lilly Library houses the 30,000 item collection of Anthony Boucher, for whom the convention is named; and

WHEREAS, this year's convention, named "Elementary, My Dear Indy" in honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sherlock Holmes creator Arthur Conan Doyle, will bring 500 mystery authors and 1000 mystery fans to Indianapolis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY A. BALLARD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2009 TO BE:

## **MYSTERY MONTH**

In the City of Indianapolis, and I ask all citizens to join me in this observation.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS ON THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINE.

**BY GREGORY A. BALLARD** 

MAYOR

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS