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 150th 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 HEREBY SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS ON THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINE.

G. A. Ballard
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