WHEREAS, the State of Indiana desires to take additional significant steps to complete the state's goal of providing postsecondary access to Hoosier students and the state's goal of creating a highly skilled workforce and economy;

WHEREAS, Western Governor's University provides a flexible and self-paced, competency-based degree completion program, empowering students to earn college degrees and certificates at their own pace and location, with the opportunity to advance at their own pace;

WHEREAS, Western Governor's University, as well as other online, competency-based programs, has provided increased access and economic opportunity for Hoosier students and the state's workforce and economy;

WHEREAS, there is a significant need for additional postsecondary degrees with workforce relevance.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governor has determined that the state should establish Western Governor's University in Indiana in partnership with the State of Indiana and shall take the following executive order:

To All to Whom These Presents May Come: Executive Order

WHEREAS, Western Governor's University (WGU) is a nation-wide, non-profit, non-credit, competency-based, online degree-granting institution that provides a flexible and self-paced, competency-based degree completion program, empowering students to earn college degrees and certificates at their own pace and location, with the opportunity to advance at their own pace;