

Whereas, Grant professionals are responsible for securing millions of dollars each year to support programs and services in communities around the world; and

Whereas, Grant professionals cultivate and maintain the philanthropic legacies of individuals, families, companies and organizations through wise and deliberate grant-making; and

Whereas, Grant professionals ensure effective and successful program operations, and the appropriate use of grant funds; and

Whereas, The health, safety, education and overall quality of life of our communities greatly depend on these grant-funded programs and services; and

Whereas, The Grant Professionals Association builds and supports a community of grant professionals committed to the greater good.

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Board of Directors and Headquarters Staff of the Grant Professionals Association, do hereby proclaim the second Friday in March as "International Grant Professionals Day." We call upon citizens and organizations around the world to recognize and celebrate the achievements and invaluable contributions of the grant professionals in our communities.