## PROCLAMATION

## WELCOMING

## THE STUDENTS OF HAMPTON UNIVERSITY

## FOR THE 2006 – 2007 SCHOOL YEAR

**WHEREAS**, Hampton University has embraced the principles of "Education for Life" and "Learning by Doing" since its founding in 1868, during the days of Reconstruction; and

**WHEREAS**, Hampton University is a dynamic, progressive institution of higher education; and

**WHEREAS,** Hampton University espouses a leadership model for academic administrative success that includes being visionary; having a strong work ethic; "setting the bar high"; team building; innovation; courage; good management; fairness; fiscal conservatism; and an orientation towards results; and

**WHEREAS**, Hampton University's 6,300 students come to Hampton from 49 states and 35 territories and nations; and

**WHEREAS**, the students of Hampton University represent urban centers, suburban communities, small town and rural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Hampton University's students play a dynamic role in the Hampton community, with their forward-thinking spirit, their goodwill, and their esteemed qualities of leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Hampton University's students, including over 1,200 freshmen, will soon be arriving in Hampton for the fall semester; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hampton welcomes this University family that includes some of the nation's brightest and most promising students;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ross A. Kearney, II, Mayor, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, do hereby acknowledge the value that the students and faculty of Hampton University bring to the community, and vigorously welcomes these students and faculty members to our City.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hampton, Virginia, to be affixed this Thirteenth Day of September, Two Thousand and Six.

Ross A. Kearney, II Mayor