

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** Jane and Cassandra Austen were the daughters of a Church of England clergyman who believed his daughters should receive the same quality of education he provided for his sons; and
- WHEREAS,** Jane Austen began producing written works at the age of twelve including *Love and Friendship*, *Lesley Castle*, *Lady Susan*, *History of England* and others; and
- WHEREAS,** at a time when female writers never attached their real names to their work to avoid creating a scandal, she produced six well-known novels written by “A Lady” including *Sense and Sensibility*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Northanger Abbey*, *Mansfield Park*, *Emma* and *Persuasion*; and
- WHEREAS,** Jane Austen’s pieces have been read by millions of English speaking people around the world over the last two centuries and inspired young women and men to tell their own stories;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim July 18th, 2017 as

JANE AUSTEN DAY

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 30th
day of June the year of our
Lord 2017 and of the Independence
of the United States 241.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Eric Holcomb