Resolution Awarding Rights. Privileges and Title of President Emeritus to



WHEREAS, Edward J. Ray (Ed) was named in 2003 the 14^{th} president of Oregon State University and has served the university and state of Oregon faithfully and devotedly for 17 years, and

WHEREAS, under his visionary leadership, Oregon State University has profoundly advanced its commitment to providing a transformative education accessible to all learners and furthered its service to the state, the nation and the world as a premier land grant research university, and

WHEREAS, Ed has integrated inclusive excellence principles and practices into all aspects of the university and led the university to achieve record enrollment among students of color, veterans, international students, transfer students and first-generation students and to make significant progress in increasing the retention and graduation of all students, and

WHEREAS, during this time, the university has grown its grant-funded research to exceed all of Oregon's public comprehensive universities combined, and

WHEREAS, Ed has led the vision of increasing educational opportunities in Central Oregon by expanding OSU-Cascades to a four-year university and opening in 2016 a new branch campus in Bend, and

WHEREAS, Ed inspired and championed the university's first comprehensive fundraising campaign, The Campaign for OSU, raising more than \$1.14 billion from 106,000 donors, which helped to build or renovate 28 OSU buildings, endow 79 new faculty positions, and create more than 600 new scholarship and fellowship funds for 3,200 students, and

WHEREAS, Ed has advanced the university's mission as a global land grant institution and celebrated during his presidency the university's 150 years of service as Oregon's statewide university, and

WHEREAS, his leadership was instrumental in guiding OSU's transition to independent governance and establishing Board governance grounded in the university's mission, principles and values, and its commitment to shared governance, and

WHEREAS, Ed has been a strategic and collaborative leader, seeking broad input in his decision-making and building trust, respect and credibility throughout the university and with external constituencies, and

WHEREAS, Ed is respected for doing the right thing; providing a steady, thoughtful moral compass and compelling vision that inspires others; and ever reminding us that the best is yet to come for Oregon State University and those served by the university; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Trustees of Oregon State University, in recognition of his 17-years of exemplary service confer the rights, privileges, and title of President Emeritus to Edward J. Ray and express our gratitude for his extraordinary service to the university.

Awarded on this, the twenty ninth day of May and effective the first of July, two thousand twenty.

Rani Borkar Chair

Kirk Schueler, Vice Chair