



RESOLUTION COMMENDATION OF D. KEITH WATSON AS PRESIDENT EMERITUS

WHEREAS, President Keith Watson has given six (6) years of unwavering service to Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, and

WHEREAS, President Watson joined PNWU in 2009 initially as a consultant and then as a trustee in August 2010 while PNWU remained in its early stages, and

WHEREAS, long before coming to the University, Dr. Watson demonstrated his career as an educator that began at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in 1971, culminating in his fellowship in surgical oncology at MD Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, and

WHEREAS, long before being named president, Dr. Watson was a vital force in the growth and progress of the osteopathic profession including establishment of an Osteopathic Postgraduate Training Institute at Des Moines University in 1999, being named AOA Educator of the Year in 2008, being named a Fellow in the Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators in 2009, serving as a member of the Centers for Osteopathic Research and Education (CORE) initially as an Associate Dean and eventually as Chair from 2002 – 2012, and

WHEREAS, President Watson's national service for osteopathic medicine included membership on the AOA Educational Policy and Review Committee, membership on the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Education's Blue Ribbon Task Force, membership on the Council for Graduate Medical Education through the US Department of Health and Human Services, membership on the HRSA Advisory Panel for evaluation of Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education funding proposals, and most recently membership on the Joint Leadership Team for the Unification of Graduate Medical Education Accreditation working alongside the AOA and ACGME to adopt a single pathway for medical residency training, and

WHEREAS, as PNWU's chief executive officer, has provided exceptional leadership to the University, raising it to unprecedented levels of accomplishment in its missions – teaching, research, service, and health care – and touching the lives of countless people served by the institution, and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Watson, the University has achieved significant milestones in every area of its strategic plan, including student class size growth, academic program development, expanded clinical training sites, enhancement of the campus environment, research funding, donor giving, community involvement and economic enhancement, and

WHEREAS, during President Watson's tenure, the University has experienced financial stability growth as demonstrated by the January 2018 refinancing, and

WHEREAS, under the direction of President Watson, the University has been transformed in campus construction, physical improvements, and beautification projects that have touched every academic area and mission of PNWU, and

WHEREAS, President Watson has been recently recognized by the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine for both the Dale Dodson Award and the Robert A. Kistner Award, the only individual to-date bestowed both awards in the same year, and

WHEREAS, President Watson has been instrumental in engaging the Washington State Legislature to embrace the University's mission and contribute to various campus projects, and

WHEREAS, in addition to their years of service, both Dr. Keith and Dr. Maureen Watson have supported PNWU with gifts toward numerous institutional priorities including the presidential ceremonial medal and the Watson Family scholarship, and

WHEREAS, President Watson has been a worthy steward of the campus trust in steering the University on a positive course for six (6) years and leaving it well prepared for the future including navigating PNWU through regional accreditation two years ahead of schedule, and

WHEREAS, President Watson has announced his retirement from the University effective June 30, 2018,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees extends its utmost appreciation to President Watson for his leadership and outstanding service to Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, and extends its sincere and heartfelt best wishes to him and his wife, Maureen, in their retirement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board wishes to acknowledge the transformational positive impact President Watson has made on the quality of life of countless people across the Pacific Northwest, the nation, and the osteopathic profession by conferring upon him the title, President Emeritus of Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, with all the privileges pertaining thereto, effective July 1, 2018.

Heather Phipps, DO, Board Chair