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ITEM 138-2008-R0308 **<u>Authorization to Name the ABSL-2 Building the "Johnson Family Livestock Facility"; Montana State University-Bozeman</u>**

THAT: Consistent with Board of Regents' Policy 1004.1, Naming of Buildings, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana State University to name the ABSL-2 Building the "Johnson Family Livestock Facility."

EXPLANATION: Pearl, Grace and Isabelle Johnson each left their shares of stock in the Albert Johnson Land Company upon their deaths to support veterinary research at Montana State University. Since 1991, The Johnson Ranch has been managed by the MSU Foundation and in 2000 the Johnson Land Company was reorganized as a non-profit Montana corporation and was renamed the Johnson Family Foundation. The investment of the Johnson Family Foundation holdings has provided a return to Veterinary Research at Montana State University and has also made possible the development of a state of the art ABSL-2 level large animal research facility.

The proposed naming of the facility as the "Johnson Family Livestock Facility" has been approved by the Johnson Family Foundation Board members. The generosity of the three Johnson sisters, who specifically wanted their gift to support veterinary research, has resulted in the significant contribution of funds necessary for obtaining the ABSL-2 facility.