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**Title of Professor Emeritus of Management: Paul Polzin,
Director of The University of Montana Bureau of Business
and Economic Research; UM-Missoula**

THAT:

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Paul Polzin from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty and staff wish to express appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the School of Business Administration, and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus of Management be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION:

Paul Polzin, director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, is an institution in the State of Montana. It is no understatement to say that any policymaker or business leader in Montana—or university president, for that matter—who wants to boost their own credibility drops the name “Paul Polzin” at every opportunity. His advice to governors, congressmen and senators, legislative leaders, and business leaders is routinely sought. He has elevated the discussion of countless economic issues within the state and has made an enormous impact on the policy direction in Montana.

Dr. Polzin came to The University of Montana in 1968 and immediately became involved with the Bureau of Business and Economic Research. With former Bureau Director Maxine Johnson, Dr. Polzin developed the Economic Outlook Seminars—a multifaceted program devoted to the exploration of the economic outlook delivered in the state’s major cities—that have become the headline event for the Bureau and the business community. Dr. Polzin became director of BBER in the late 1980s and has served as one of only two Bureau directors spanning nearly half a century of its proud history.

In his dedicated services over the last 40 years, he has earned the respect of students, faculty, staff, policy makers, and business executives across the state. The Montana Board of Regents and the University are grateful.