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ITEM 147-2002-C0610 Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Economics on Douglas J. Young; Montana State University-Bozeman

THAT: Upon the occasion of the retirement of Douglas J. Young from the faculty of Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION: After completing his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Wisconsin - Madison in 1978, Dr. Young joined the Department of Agricultural Economics as an Assistant Professor. In addition to his research and teaching responsibilities for MSU, Professor Young served on dozens of department, college, and university-level committees during his career. He has also served the University system more broadly through his work on the MUS InterUnits Benefits Committee.

Professor Young is a widely published author and speaker on many economics issues, holding particular expertise on Montana's tax system. He has shared his expertise on this topic widely, presenting to community groups, the Montana Taxpayers Association, and Montana Legislative committees. He has written dozens of articles for economics journals and magazines and has delivered dozens of presentations of his work.

Dr. Young's excellence in research is matched by his outstanding teaching. He has taught courses at all levels, ranging from General Economics to Public Finance, to Economic Development to Graduate Econometrics. Graduate students in the department frequently seek him out as a thesis advisor.

In summary, Doug Young has served Montana State University well by combining his excellent knowledge of Economics with his skills in research and teaching as a means to increase understanding of critical issues and to communicate his unique knowledge to stakeholders in Montana. His work ranges from the local to the national and international, and he continues to be actively involved in communicating his knowledge, as he expects to pursue independent teaching and research activities after his retirement.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Douglas J. Young the rank of Professor Emeritus of Economics at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.