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<u>Authorization to Name the University Theatre The George and Jane Dennison Theatre; The</u> University of Montana–Missoula

THAT

Consistent with Board of Regents Policy 1004.1, Naming of Buildings, the Board of Regents authorizes naming the University Theatre at The University of Montana–Missoula after George and Jane Dennison. The new name will be The George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

EXPLANATION

In October of 2010, George Dennison retired from The University of Montana after serving with distinction for more than 20 years as President. During his tenure, President Dennison expanded the physical campus in many areas, not the least of which was the 1998 renovation of the University Theatre. This renovation restored the University Theatre to its former glory and has since enabled all manner of theatrical and musical performances to be held there. In recognition of George and Jane's tireless support of art and culture in Missoula, we request that the University Theatre be named The George and Jane Dennison Theatre. This naming has been approved by and is requested by the Committee on Campus Facilities.