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**ITEM 159-2004-R0513**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Native American Studies upon Wayne J. Stein;  
Montana State University-Bozeman**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Wayne J. Stein 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.

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**EXPLANATION**

For 23 years, Professor Wayne J. Stein has provided leadership and excellence in teaching, research and service to the Department of Native American Studies (NAS). Dr. Stein is a graduate of Montana State University (B.S. in Film and Television, 1973), and earned a master's in Educational Administration (Pennsylvania State University, 1977), and an Ed.D. in Higher Education from Washington State University (1988). Dr. Stein (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) first came to Montana State University in 1989 as Director of the Office of Tribal Service, Center for Native American Studies and Associate Professor of Higher Education and Native American Studies. He served as Director (later Department Head) of the Center for Native American Studies for 10 years (1991 – 2001) and was promoted to the rank of Professor of Native American Studies in 2001.

Professor Stein is a past member of the Board of the National Museum of the American Indian (Smithsonian Institute) and provided leadership during its construction and the grand opening that brought over 80,000 people to the National Mall, Washington D.C. Dr. Stein has also served on the Board of the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Board, and the Kellogg Tribal Community College Initiative Advisory Committee. Before coming to MSU, Dr. Stein served as Vice-President of Canadian International College, President of Sitting Bull College, Deputy Director of the Navajo Health Authority, and Director of the Area Health Center, Navajo Health Authority. He is a past president (and Board Member) of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

Dr. Stein is the world's foremost authority on the Tribal College Movement and an expert on indigenous higher education. He is the author of three books on post-secondary education, including Tribal Controlled Colleges: Making Good Medicine, used widely as a text in higher education courses. Because of his expertise, Dr. Stein has consulted with indigenous communities in Peru, Guatemala New Zealand, Australia and Canada on accreditation and access to higher education for underrepresented populations. He has advised university systems in Wyoming, Hawaii and South Dakota, and the Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education and National Association of State University and Land Grant Colleges on diversity in higher education. Dr. Stein was a founding member of the World's Indigenous People's Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) and the Native American Professors' Association.

As Chair of the Department of Native American Studies, Professor Stein launched the master's program in NAS, one of only seven such graduate programs in the United States. He raised funds to establish the Katz Family Endowed Chair in Native American Studies, one of only three known endowed chairs in NAS. Under his leadership, NAS became the only indigenous studies program in a mainstream college or university accredited by WINHEC. Dr. Stein has authored numerous innovative grant programs including American Indians into Mathematics and the Second Generation leadership Institute as well as scholarship programs for Native students at MSU.

As a teacher, Dr. Stein receives rave reviews from students and has been nominated on multiple occasions for teaching awards, such as the Mortar Board Professor of the Month and the President's Excellence in Teaching Award. He was selected as a mentor for underrepresented students participating in the McNair Scholars Program.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer Wayne J. Stein the rank of Professor Emeritus of Native American Studies at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.