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**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emerita of Education upon Dr. Janis H. Bruwelheide;
Montana State University**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Janis H. Bruwelheide from the faculty of Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for her service to the University, the Montana University System and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Janis Bruwelheide graduated in 1970 from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in English Education. She entered the teaching profession that year teaching English, Speech, and serving as Librarian at Godby High School in Tallahassee. She earned her masters degree in 1973 in the Library and Information Science program at Florida State, and then moved to Utah State University where she served as the Librarian and Coordinator of the Space Science Library. Dr. Bruwelheide came to Montana State University in 1974 when she was hired to be an instructor of Secondary Education responsible for the library media program as well as the director of the Renne Library Curriculum center. She became an Assistant Professor in Instructional Media at Montana State University in 1977 and completed her Ph.D. at Utah State University in 1982, focusing on Instructional Development and Instructional Technology.

In 1984 Dr. Bruwelheide achieved tenure and promotion to Associate Professor, and earned the rank of Professor in 1996. During the 1991-1992 academic year she took a sabbatical to work for the Montana Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education on distance education and interactive television. The internet was in its early phases of development, and Dr. Bruwelheide became an early advocate and adapter of that technology for the delivery of classes and programs within the next few years and delivered the first interactive television classes for MSU. Through her advocacy and expertise the Education Department at MSU benefited greatly in its efforts to move instruction out of the classroom through interactive television and onto the internet where practicing teachers could advance their knowledge and skills from a distance.

Over the course of her career, Dr. Bruwelheide secured almost three million dollars in external funding to support innovative work in distance learning, and in the uses of digital media, interactive television, and course management software. Through grants, she was able to place emerging technologies into the hands of teachers and faculty through workshops and online courses geared to practitioners.

Through a U.S. Department of Education FIPSE grant, one of eleven national demonstration projects funded in that 2000 competition, Dr. Bruwelheide was able to create the Borderless Access to Training and Education ("BATE") program, and successfully converted a campus based undergraduate library media program into a self-sustaining graduate level online program that achieved regional and national impact and served hundreds of teachers throughout Montana and the surrounding states.

Throughout her 39 year career at Montana State University, Dr. Bruwelheide stayed on the cutting edge of her rapidly changing profession, ushering in the age of electronic media in public school classrooms and

school libraries throughout Montana and the region. Her determination and foresight are part of the reason why her college was an early adapter of distance learning on the MSU campus. She understood how it could bridge the great distances of a large, sparsely populated state like Montana and deliver the university to those who could not themselves come here. She also understood, as a librarian, that digital media was going to open up vast windows onto the world for K-12 students and teachers in even the most remote of locations.

Dr. Bruwelheide was actively engaged in research and scholarship, and participated in her discipline through numerous articles, books and book chapters, and conference presentations at the state, national, and international levels. She is a nationally recognized expert on intellectual property and copyright law and had a landmark book published by the American Library Association and National Education Association, *The Copyright Primer*.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Janis H. Bruwelheide the rank of Professor Emerita of Education at Montana State University and wishes her well for many years in the future.