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**ITEM 162-1001-R0114**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Law on J. Martin Burke, University of Montana.**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of J. Martin Burke from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its deep appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the state of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred up on him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

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**EXPLANATION**

Martin Burke served as dean of the School of Law from 1988 to 1993, and thereafter was appointed Regents Professor, one of the highest honors bestowed by the University and Board of Regents. As Dean, Martin expanded the law library with the addition of the Castles Center, and later the Jameson Library.

Professor Burke joined the law faculty in 1977 and retired after more than 35 years of encouraging students to learn the “wonderful world of tax” and inspiring many students to go on to earn their LL.M.s in taxation. During his tenure at the School of Law he taught more than eleven different courses ranging from Legal Research and Writing to Nonprofit Organizations. He served as the National Moot Court coach for many years and led teams to the national competition on a regular basis. He also served as the advisor to the Montana Law Review and encouraged students to create the Browning Symposium and lecture. His remarkable teaching ability caused students to name him as Reader at graduation on a consistent basis. Other schools are well aware of Professor Burke’s reputation as an excellent teacher and he has been invited to teach at the most prestigious tax programs in the country including University of Florida College of Law, New York University School of Law, and University of Washington School of Law.

Professor Burke set the example for the law faculty as a scholar. He is the co-author of one of the leading texts in Taxation of Individual Income, and of one of the leading treatises on Estate Planning. He continues to co-author and update each of these books. In addition, he co-authors Understanding Federal income taxation and has authored more than 30 law review articles. It is because of his reputation as an outstanding tax scholar that our Montana Tax Institute has grown to more than 230 attendees and a faculty of outstanding and nationally recognized speakers.

The State Bar of Montana honored Professor Burke with its highest award, the Jameson Award, for his service to the bar and legal community. He has served on the Council of the American Bar Association’s Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar as a member of its Executive Committee and as its Secretary. He has also served as Chair of the American Bar Association’s Standards Review Committee, and as Chair of its Accreditation Committee. He chaired the State Bar of Montana’s Professionalism Committee for many years. His other service activities are numerous including serving as chair of the board of both Saint Patrick’s hospital and the Missoula Museum of the Arts. Burke came to the Law School with substantial practice experience having been a law clerk to U.S. Judge William J. Jameson, and a lawyer with Crowley Fleck, then Crowley, Haughey, Hanson, Toole, and Dietrich.

The faculty of the School of Law is pleased to nominate Regents Professor Martin Burke for emeritus status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No Attachments