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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Microbiology upon David Ward

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of David Ward 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 Montana.

EXPLANATION

Dr. David Ward received his B.S. from The Ohio State University and his M.Sc. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, starting at MSU as an assistant professor in 1977. During his 38 years at MSU, Dr. David Ward has made significant and lasting contributions in teaching, research, and service.

Dr. Ward has had a highly productive career, which, in addition to high-quality instruction from freshman to graduate level and service at local to international levels, has included a consistent record of acquiring grant support from NSF, NASA, PNNL and other funding agencies (totaling >\$12 million) over his employment at MSU. His research has led to 94 peer-reviewed published papers (many in high-visibility journals, such as *Science*, *Nature* and *PNAS*), 28 invited book chapters and 11 review articles, which have been highly cited (Google Scholar h-index of 59) and to his presentation of 81 off-campus invited talks and 86 invited seminars (mostly at other institutions). Since his research has involved Yellowstone hot spring microorganisms, he has been involved with many informal education projects that have also brought acclaim to MSU, such as development of museum exhibits (Smithsonian Inst., Yellowstone National Park, Museum of the Rockies), Yellowstone curricula, and appearances on/in public media (e.g., National Geographic, NOVA, A&E Network, CNN, NPR and Discovery Channel). He is a AAAS Fellow and has been awarded the prestigious MSU Cox and Wiley Awards, as well as the E.O. Wilson award.

Dr. David Ward has served the College of Agriculture, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station, MSU and the State of Montana with innovation and distinction.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. David Ward the rank of Professor Emeritus of Microbiology at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None