

November 15-16, 2018

**ITEM 181-2004-R1118**

**Request for authorization for the appointment of Regents Professor Dr. Cathy Whitlock, Montana State University**

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**THAT**

As an authority on the relationship between paleo-vegetation and fire and their relationship to past climate change, Dr. Whitlock's scientific discoveries have informed global change science, resource management decisions and conservation efforts. Her research has provided insights on the evolution of modern forest ecosystems and their sensitivity to climate change and human influences.

In recognition of her exemplary service to our great State and Montana State University as an internationally recognized scholar and academic leader who uses her passion for environmental science to inspire and encourage others, the Board of Regents authorizes the appointment of Dr. Cathy Whitlock to the rank of Regents Professor.

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**EXPLANATION**

Board of Regents Policy 702.6 provides for the rank of Regents Professor to be awarded to a faculty member at the discretion of the Board of Regents upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Higher Education or one of the Presidents or Chancellors. The faculty member must have demonstrated exemplary performance in teaching, research, or creative activity and public service. This is a rare honor.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1-- Letter of Nomination