ITEM 188-1011-R0520 <u>Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus on Roberta Evans, University of Montana-</u> <u>Missoula</u>

THAT

Upon the retirement of Roberta Evans from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wish to express their appreciation for her 31 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the State of Montana by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Professor Evans received a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education/Language Arts from Chadron State College, a Master of Education degree in Educational Administration and Higher Education from the University of Nevada – Reno, and a Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Administration from The University of Nevada - Reno.

Professor Evans is dedicated, conscientious, diligent, and ever present for our students, faculty, staff, and the community. As professor, scholar, leader, and mentor in the Department of Educational Leadership, she has advised graduate students, chaired countless doctoral dissertation committees, and through her leadership has raised the level of departmental esteem to new heights. Roberta Evans has developed and led doctoral cohorts beginning in 1996 and was instrumental in the design of the present day International Educational Leadership Degrees. Dr. Evans has presented at the local, state, national and international level. She exhibits an excellent teaching record and has inspired students to challenge the status quo. She has published an impressive number of articles in the field of education and specifically women in leadership. Roberta's scholarly activities have stimulated lively educational discussions across the country and abroad. Her professional service accomplishments include development of the Montana Digital Academy for k-12 education which is housed at the University of Montana. Professor Evans completed her career as the William C. Shreeve Endowed Chair of Educational Leadership. In addition, Dr. Evans has served as Dean of the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education (and Human Science) for 15 years. During her tenure as Dean, she worked with donors to design and build two extensive additions to the education building.

For the accomplishments cited above and more, the Department of Educational Leadership is honored to recommend, by unanimous vote, Professor Roberta D. Evans for Emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None.