ITEM 194-1007-R0521 <u>Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus on Patty Kero, University of</u> <u>Montana – Missoula</u>

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Patty Kero from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her 14 years of service to the University and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Kero received a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of Montana, a Master of Education degree in Administration Planning and Social Policy from Harvard University, and a Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Leadership from The University of Montana.

Dr. Kero 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. Dr. Kero 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 in the area of rural leadership and statistics for the behavioral sciences. Patty's scholarly activities have stimulated lively educational discussions across the country and abroad. Dr. Kero is well known for her expertise in Neuroscience as it relates curriculum leadership. She is also a regular panelist at the International Globalization, Diversity and Education Conference. She has been a keynote presenter at two conferences in China sponsored by the China Scholarship Council. Dr. Kero is well-known throughout Montana as a mentor for budding school administrators. Her years of service in the field involve 19 years in school leadership positions including Assistant Principal, Principal, Title I Director, and Superintendent. The leaders in Montana schools have been served well by her experience and expertise.

For the accomplishments cited above and more, the Department of Educational Leadership is honored to recommend, by unanimous vote, Dr. Patty Kero for Emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS No Attachments