

March 10-11, 2022

**ITEM 199-1005-R0322**

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Educational Leadership on Dr. Frances O'Reilly – The University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Dr. Frances O'Reilly, after 19 years of dedicated service to The University of Montana, has merited the commendation of the Board of Regents of the Montana University System and has earned the title of Professor of Educational Leadership Emerita.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. O'Reilly received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and English from Carroll College. She holds Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Montana, and a Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Leadership from The University of Montana.

Dr. O'Reilly 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 15 successful doctoral dissertation committees, and through her leadership has raised the level of departmental esteem to new heights. Dr. O'Reilly 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. Dr. O'Reilly's refereed publications have appeared in the *Journal of Education and Training Studies*, *Journal of Cultural Diversity*, *Journal of Education and Learning*, *School Administrator*, *Gifted Child Today*, *the NASSP Bulletin* and *The Illinois School Board Journal*. She has presented at prestigious conferences such as the National Indian Education Association's Annual Convention and the Montana Conference of Educational Leadership. She is also a regular panelist at the International Globalization, Diversity and Education Conference. Dr. O'Reilly is well-known throughout Montana as a mentor for budding higher education administrators. She is the co-developer of the Supervisor's Interactive Model of Organizational Relationships (SIMOR). She has been a content provider for seminars with the Egyptian Ministry of Education and was the co-coordinator of the Kyrgyzstan Ministry of Education study tour. Her years of service in the field involve 21 years in higher education administration prior to coming to the University of Montana. Dr. O'Reilly will be remembered for her deep commitment to student success and ability to motivate students through their program. She is an outstanding scholar and dedicated leader.

For the accomplishments cited above and more, the Department of Educational Leadership is honored to recommend, by unanimous vote, Dr. Frances O'Reilly for Emerita status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None.