

March 10-11, 2022

ITEM 199-1032-R0322

Request for Authorization to Award an Honorary Doctorate to Dennis Eck – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

The University of Montana requests authorization from the Montana Board of Regents to award an honorary doctorate to Dennis Eck.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Eck formed a professional legacy of leadership and innovation in the retail industry. He has held executive positions with American Stores, The Vons Companies, and Coles Myer, one of Australia's largest retailers. Mr. Eck is recognized as a retail industry leader who developed emerging technologies related to e-commerce, loyalty programs using electronic data, automated bookkeeping systems, web-based training tools, and virtual warehousing.

Mr. Eck is a native of Wolf Point, Montana, and grew up on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. A graduate of the University of Montana, he earned a bachelor's degree in history and political science in 1967. In addition to his professional achievements, Mr. Eck has long advocated for women's access to healthcare and for women's leadership in business and politics. His professional contributions make him an excellent candidate for an Honorary Doctorate of Business degree.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Nomination Packet