

March 15-16, 2023

ITEM 205-1014-R0323

Request for Authorization to Award an Honorary Doctorate to Mandy Smoker Broaddus; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

The University of Montana requests authorization from the Montana Board of Regents to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mandy Smoker Broaddus.

EXPLANATION

Mandy Smoker Broaddus is a renowned poet, respected teacher, former Montana co-poet laureate and public education and Indian Education leader. A member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux tribes, she completed her Masters in Fine Arts at UM before serving as an instructor for Fort Peck Community College and Dean of Students for Frazer Public Schools. In 2005, she started her service with Montana's Office of Public Instruction, where she played instrumental roles in the Indian Education for All program and the Schools of Promise Initiative. Working for Education Northwest as a Practice Expert in Native Education since 2018, she was also a Montana Co-Poet Laureate from 2019-2021. Her publications include a poetry collection and graphic novel, and her lengthy list of honors and awards boasts the Montana Governor's Award for Excellence in Performance and the National Indian Education Association Educator of the Year.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment #1: Nomination Packet
- Attachment #2: Letter of Support from President Bodnar