

November 16-17, 2023

ITEM 209-1007-R1123

Request for Authorization to Award an Honorary Doctorate to Mae Nan Ellingson; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

The University of Montana requests authorization from the Montana Board of Regents to award an honorary doctorate to Mae Nan Ellingson.

EXPLANATION

A two-time graduate of the University of Montana, Mae Nan Ellingson was one of 19 women to serve among the 100 delegates at the 1972 Montana Constitutional Convention. At the time, Ms. Ellingson was just 24 years old, the youngest of all the delegates. She had a tremendous impact as a delegate, leading her colleagues to name her one of the Convention's "Ten Outstanding Constitutional Convention Delegates." Mae Nan Ellingson's impact on Montana continued through the many public projects she worked on during her legal career and her dedication and service to Montana non-profits. As one of her nominators so aptly stated, "She is truly one of the treasure state treasures."

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Letter of Support from President Bodnar
Attachment #2: Other Letters of Support