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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Earth Sciences upon Dr. David Lageson; Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor David Lageson from Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Dr. David Lageson will retire in December 2023 from the faculty of Montana State University after 43 years of exemplary teaching, scholarship, and service in the Department of Earth Sciences. His research focuses on the structural geology and tectonic evolution of mountain systems. Dr. Lageson has conducted research throughout his professional career in the American West (Rocky Mountains), the Himalayas of Nepal (Everest region), and many other localities. Dr. Lageson has contributed to over 60 publications and numerous professional presentations.

Throughout his tenure at MSU, Dr. Lageson has demonstrated remarkable expertise and mentorship, leaving a lasting impact on the department and the University. For example, Dr. Lageson served as Department Head three times and directed the MSU Summer Field Course for 14 years. Dr. Lageson's dedication to the University includes his commitment to graduate education within the Department, chairing over 30 M.S. committees and serving as a member on over 75 graduate committees. In 2013, Dr. Lageson received the MSU President's Excellence in Teaching Award and the MSU Excellence in Outreach Award.

Dr. Lageson's service to his discipline has been exemplary. Among his numerous editorial and society elections, he was awarded an honorary lifetime membership to the Tobacco Root Geological Society for many years of service as editor of their yearly journal and field trip guidebook. Dr. Lageson is a Senior Fellow of the Geological Society of America and a Life member of the Nepal Geological Society.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr Lageson the rank of Professor Emeritus of Earth Sciences at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None