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ITEM 211-1007-R0324

Request for Authorization to Award an Honorary Doctorate to Carol Tatsey Murray; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

The University of Montana requests authorization from the Montana Board of Regents to award an Honorary Doctorate of Education to Carol Tatsey Murray.

EXPLANATION

Carol Tatsey Murray is a respected educator, former college president, leader in the Blackfeet Nation and University of Montana alumna. During her 36-year tenure at Blackfeet Community College, she served as the president for eight years, interim president for six years, vice president for six years, and in other critical roles, such as the registrar. She has played a vital role in the cultural and ceremonial revitalization of the Blackfoot Confederacy, particularly in the repatriation of cultural and ceremonial items. While at Blackfeet Community College, Ms. Murray also made impactful contributions to the cultural curriculum, secured more than \$20 million in facility development projects, and helped found key cultural events. Her impact is felt at other institutions, including UM, where she's contributed to the research and advancement of Blackfeet studies. Beyond academia, Ms. Murray has been instrumental in creating cultural events such as the Days of the Piikani and the Bear River Massacre Commemoration. She now serves as a Co-Curator of Our People's Gallery at the National Museum of the American Indian.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments