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### **Resolution of Thanks and Appreciation**

*Whereas*, Dr. Joyce Scott served as Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs for the Montana University System for five years beginning in July, 1998; and

**Whereas**, during her tenure Joyce took a special interest in programs that broadened students' access to higher education, an interest that was exemplified by the five-year federal Gear Up grant that she administered for the Office of the Commissioner; and

**Whereas,** at the request of the Board of Regents, Joyce reworked the procedures by which new academic proposals from the campuses are reviewed, with the result that the process is less time-consuming and entails more collaboration among the campuses; and

**Whereas**, Joyce chaired the two most important recent search committees within the University System, one dealing with a successful search for a president for Montana State University and the other with a successful search for a new Commissioner of Higher Education; and

**Whereas,** Joyce organized or led several work groups on important projects such as two-year education, transfer students, electronic course delivery, and the creation and implementation of mathematics and writing proficiency standards; and

**Whereas**, Joyce treated all the System's constituent campuses in an evenhanded manner that evidenced a recognition that each had a unique and significant role in the delivery of higher education services to the people of the state; and

**Whereas**, Joyce unflinchingly insisted that academic quality and integrity must be the lodestar that guides the University System; and

**Whereas**, Joyce has moved on to the next stage of her career to work in the service of Texas A&M University at Commerce, Texas;

**Therefore**, the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education, on behalf of the officers, employees and students of the Montana University System, and on behalf of the citizens of the State of Montana, does hereby tender to Dr. Joyce Scott both its appreciation for her many labors and many thanks for a job well done, and it wishes her well in all future personal and professional endeavors.

Adopted the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003 by the Montana Board of Regents at a regularly scheduled meeting in Billings, Montana.

Edwin Jasmin, Chairman