

**University of Washington
Board of Regents
Resolution of Appreciation to
Chris Gregoire**

WHEREAS, Governor Chris Gregoire, after serving three terms as State Attorney General, was elected to serve two terms as Governor of the great State of Washington, giving twenty years of outstanding public service as an elected leader for the citizens of Washington; and

WHEREAS, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech and sociology from the University of Washington and a Juris Doctor degree from Gonzaga University, demonstrating the opportunity for making a meaningful and positive contribution to society through higher education; and

WHEREAS, her unwavering and steadfast commitment to education and higher education throughout her public life and particularly as Governor resulted in greater access to education and greater opportunity for thousands and thousands of Washington citizens, especially during recent challenging fiscal times; and

WHEREAS, her leadership and initiative to improve all of higher education through such efforts as the Higher Education Funding Task Force of 2010, which led to tuition setting authority for institutional governing boards, and the Higher Education Steering Committee of 2011, which resulted in the establishment of the Office of Student Achievement, resulted in a streamlined, improved, and progressive system of higher education; and

WHEREAS, understanding completely the reliance of the state's diverse and vibrant industry on a well-educated and well-supplied workforce able to meet the needs of a 21st Century economy, she led the expansion of graduates in high-demand fields like engineering and science; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the special relationship at a research university between education and research and developing the next generation of pathbreakers and intellectual explorers, and the good that can come from research conducted by students under the guiding hand of faculty, she created the Life Sciences Discovery Fund to help nurture the state's life sciences sector and improve the health and well-being of the citizens of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University of Washington wishes to demonstrate its deep and sincere appreciation to Governor Gregoire for her years of dedicated service to the State of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the members of the Board of Regents express to Chris Gregoire their gratitude on behalf of all of the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Washington who have benefited over the years from her leadership, her wisdom, and her belief in the power of education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That to honor and celebrate her leadership on behalf of the University of Washington and all of higher education, the Board of Regents hereby confers

upon Chris Gregoire the Regents Medal in recognition of her exceptional service to the citizens of the State of Washington and their great flagship University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board as a permanent record of the Board's sincere gratitude and appreciation.