

**THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION  
HONORING J. BERNARD MACHEN AND CHRIS MACHEN**

WHEREAS, Dr. J. Bernard Machen has served eleven years, since January 2004, as the Eleventh President of University of Florida, with exceptional distinction, wisdom, dedication and accomplishment, having extended his service twice at the request of the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Machen has partnered with the Board to set high standards and goals for the University and, under Dr. Machen's leadership, the University has achieved historic goals that set a strong foundation and steady course to increasing national and international preeminence, and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Machen's leadership, and among his many accomplishments, are these highlights:

(1) fostering the inclusion and success of a broad diversity of individuals in our University community, including members of low socio-economic groups, minority groups, the LGBTQ community, immigrants, and others through groundbreaking programs such as the Bernie and Chris Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars program for highly talented students who are first in their families to attend college, domestic partner benefits, and state immigration reform for higher education, among other concrete actions;

(2) securing historic formal recognition, \$95 million of public funding and a commitment of \$800 million of private funding (\$446 million already raised) for University of Florida as the foremost preeminent research university in Florida, enabling recruitment of over 100 highly accomplished faculty members;

(3) raising over \$2.8 billion of private support for the University, completing the historic \$1.7 billion *Florida Tomorrow* campaign, the sixth most successful in public university capital campaigns at the time, and increasing the endowment by almost a billion dollars;

(4) wisely and steadfastly managing the University's finances through five years of historic state budget cuts and world-wide economic recession, maintaining the University's affordability and mission-critical activities, enhancing efficiency, and positioning the University to emerge from this period in solid financial condition and ready to grow for the future;

(5) increasing the University's research volume from \$470 million to \$702 million and fostering technology transfer from academia to industry,

entrepreneurial endeavors, job creation, and economic development--with the University of Florida consistently ranking among the top universities nationwide in number of patents for inventions; contributing to the creation of thousands of jobs and more than 100 start-up companies, and spearheading Innovation Square, Innovation Hub and Innovation Academy, as well as the number one-ranked technology-business incubator, the UF Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator;

(6) achieving a number 14 ranking among national public universities while establishing UF among the top-10 universities on measures of value for quality and affordability;

(7) securing \$588 million from the Florida Legislature in PECO funds and general revenue for fixed capital outlay;

(8) constructing, renovating or expanding more than 3.1 million gross square feet of state-of-the-art research and education facilities to support the University of Florida's programs, with a student- and multi-disciplinary emphasis, including: the J. Wayne Reitz Union, Heavener Hall, William R. Hough Hall, Jim and Alexis Pugh Hall, Kathryn Chicone Ustler Hall, the Samuel P. Harn Museum's David A. Cofrin Asian Art Wing, the Southwest Recreation Center, the Harrell Medical Education Building, the Clinical and Translational Research Building, the Biomedical Sciences Building, the Nanoscale Research Facility, the Emerging Pathogens Institute, Cypress Hall and the impending New Chemistry Building;

(9) strengthening the leadership, close collaboration, and financial growth of the University's Health Science Centers and affiliated Shands teaching hospitals in Gainesville and Jacksonville as *University of Florida Health*, thereby fostering the quality of patient care and excellence in research and education, and positioning the University's health affairs endeavor well for the future, at a time of change and uncertainty in healthcare;

(10) extending the university's influence and impact in the Gainesville community and State of Florida through construction of the East Campus in Gainesville, the UF Research & Academic Center at Medical City at Lake Nona in Orlando, and the renovation or preservation of 38 of Florida's most treasured historic buildings by UF Historic St. Augustine;

(11) contributing to the university's advancement of public leadership in critical areas of societal concern through the establishment of the UF Water Institute (2006); the Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center (2007) and the Bob Graham Center for Public Service (2008);

(12) creating UF Online, the first four-year, fully online baccalaureate degree program in the State University System and expanding the program's offerings to 11 majors in just over a year;

(13) elevating and strengthening the University's undergraduate education through the development of a signature core curriculum and shared undergraduate experience, beginning with the "What is the Good Life?" course, and with four core classes being anticipated and developed;

(14) continuing the University's tradition of athletic achievement and excellence, with UF athletic teams winning no fewer than 15 national championships, and UF becoming the first university in Division 1 history to hold the NCAA national titles in both football and men's basketball in a single year (2007); and

(15) building a talented and collaborative leadership team; and

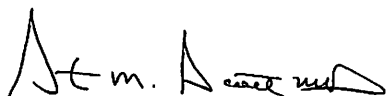
**WHEREAS**, Chris Machen has served University of Florida as First Lady with extraordinary grace, thoughtfulness, compassion and vision, and has unselfishly supported Dr. Machen's efforts on behalf of the University, including his agreement to extend his service as President, and her service as First Lady, when called upon by the Board of Trustees, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Machen has championed nationally-recognized and groundbreaking sustainability initiatives at University of Florida; served the homeless, their pets and children-in-need in our Gainesville community with compassion and respect; supported the arts and student safety; championed and encouraged women leaders at UF in the Gainesville community and served as Dr. Machen's close partner in the creation and growth of the Bernie and Chris Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars program and many other priority endeavors,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Board of Trustees at its regular meeting this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, in gratitude for eleven years of exemplary service and lasting impact, does hereby recognize and most highly commend Dr. J. Bernard Machen and Chris Machen for their contributions as President and First Lady of University of Florida, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees honors Dr. J. Bernard Machen for his lasting legacy by conferring upon him the title of President Emeritus of University of Florida, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be included in the minutes of this meeting, and a copy be presented to Dr. J. Bernard Machen and Chris Machen in recognition of the Board's appreciation and gratitude.



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Steven M. Scott, Chair