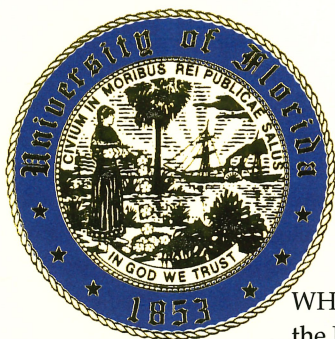


UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, Dr. W. Kent Fuchs served with distinction and dedication as the twelfth president of the University of Florida from January 1, 2015 until February 5, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fuchs pledged to the University of Florida community and the UF Board of Trustees that UF would earn sustained recognition as one of the most prestigious academic institutions in the country, and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Fuchs' leadership and guidance, UF joined and ascended among the nation's top public research universities, climbing from No. 14 in 2015 in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings to No. 5 in 2022 and remaining there for an unprecedented second year in 2023, further elevating the university's stature and reputation, and

WHEREAS, individual colleges, departments and programs within colleges continued to rise in national rankings, stature, and reputation, and UF Online has consistently ranked among the very best in online undergraduate education and is currently ranked No. 1 by *U.S. News & World Report* for the second year in a row, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fuchs' intentional strategy of creating and filling 600 new faculty positions over three years made UF a national leader in faculty hiring and contributed to improvement in the student-to-faculty ratio reduction from 21:1 to 17:1, significantly advancing positive student outcomes, including graduation rates and freshman retention, with a focus on access of low-income students which elevated our Pell grant recipients' six-year graduation rates to among the highest in the country, and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Fuchs' close guidance, constant engagement and tireless energy, the university topped \$1 billion in annual research for the first time, completed a university record \$4.6 billion capital campaign and saw student first-time-in-college applications more than double, topping 65,000 for 6,600 positions in the 2022-23 academic year, and

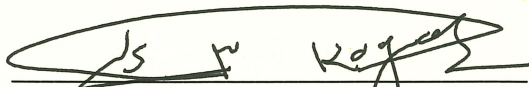
WHEREAS, Dr. Fuchs has led UF to continue to serve residents of the state of Florida, including through research and through strategic partnerships such as The Herbert Wertheim UF Scripps Institute for Biomedical Innovation and Technology, and through implementing innovative programming models such as artificial intelligence across the curriculum, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fuchs has been a dedicated servant leader throughout his presidency, consistently leading the institution with integrity and vision, representing with distinction more than 32,000 faculty and staff, 61,000 students, 400,000 alumni, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fuchs has had a strong and productive partnership with the University of Florida Board of Trustees, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting this 17th day of March 2023, does hereby recognize and commend Dr. W. Kent Fuchs for his contributions to the University of Florida and Board of Trustees, and further recognizes him going forward as president emeritus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be included in the minutes of this meeting, and a copy be presented to the University of Florida's twelfth president W. Kent Fuchs as a token of the Board's deep appreciation and admiration.


Morteza "Mori" Hosseini, Chair


Ben Sasse, President and Corporate Secretary