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ITEM 136-1002-R0907

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus  
of Education and Home Economics upon Audrey Peterson;  
The University of Montana-Missoula**

**THAT:**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Audrey Peterson from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the School of Education, and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

**EXPLANATION:**

In 1967, Professor Peterson earned her undergraduate degree from The University of Montana-Missoula with high honors in Home Economics. Recognized as the Outstanding Senior Woman that year, she received the National Pillsbury Award, including a full scholarship to the graduate school of her choice. She earned the Master of Science in Family Economics and Management from Pennsylvania State University in 1970.

Professor Peterson began her service to the University of Montana in 1970 as an Instructor in the Home Economics Department. She was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1973, Associate Professor in 1980, and Professor in 1986. She served as chair of the Home Economics Department from 1986 to 1989. She was transferred to the Curriculum & Instruction Department in 1989 where she continued to work in the areas of family economics and consumer ethics. She served as chair of Curriculum & Instruction from 1992 to 1997 and as the university's Director of Academic Advising in the Office of Academic Affairs from 1997 to 1998. Since 1990, she has also served as Coordinator of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education for the School of Education. During the last year of her service to UM, she once again served as the chair of the Curriculum & Instruction Department.

Professor Peterson's research and publication have complimented her teaching assignments in personal and family economics, consumer ethics, and professional ethics of teachers. Her command of subject matter and her attention to student needs, especially as an advisor are exemplary. Her service over 37 years has included leadership roles on almost every committee in the two departments in which she served, in the School of Education, and, the university. Her record of service activities is matched by few, if any, faculty members campus-wide. She has ably and consistently served the Faculty Senate and its many committees, including: the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review; the Graduation Appeals, and

Unit Standards Committees; the Curriculum & Instruction Department including the Curriculum, Admissions, Scholarships, and Faculty Evaluation Committees; and her professional associations, including her membership on the Board of Directors of the American Council on Consumer Interests, and her term as president of the Western Regional Home Management Family Economics Educators. In recognition of her accomplishments, Professor Peterson has been the recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Advising Award and the Montana Faculty Service Award. Over almost four decades, Professor Peterson has skillfully taught thousands of students and served as a trusted colleague of hundreds of faculty members.

With this recommendation go sincere thanks for 37 years of invaluable service to the State of Montana and The University of Montana-Missoula. Congratulations and best wishes for the future.