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Authorization to Confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Pharmaceutical Sciences upon Todd G. Cochran,
College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences,
The University of Montana – Missoula.

THAT:

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Todd G. Cochran, the faculty of the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences acknowledges and appreciates his thirty years of dedicated and valued service to the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences and recommends that he has earned recognition as Professor Emeritus.

**EXPLANATION:** 

On the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences at The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation to Professor Todd Cochran for his thirty years of dedicated and valued service to the department and the university by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University system.

Professor Cochran was trained in chemistry at Princeton University (A.B., 1965) and in pharmaceutical chemistry at the University of Washington (Ph.D., 1970). Following postdoctoral and faculty appointments at the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University, he arrived at The University of Montana in 1976. After a year in the Department of Chemistry, he accepted an appointment as Assistant Professor in the School of Pharmacy. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1980.

During his tenure, he served as Acting Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Acting Chair of the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Coordinator of Student Affairs for the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences. He also served as a coordinator of pharmacy accreditation – self study and coordinator of the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences Program Review and Departmental Assessment – self study.

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Professor Cochran has always maintained an extraordinary teaching load in our basic science curriculum, but he also contributes annually to graduate and pharmacy practice courses. He has been recognized for his teaching effectiveness where he consistently receives high marks. His tireless work on Use and Abuse of Drugs, which is taught in all three semesters, demonstrates his commitment to students outside of the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences. As coordinator of the Spring Semester Pharmaceutical Sciences Laboratory, he has dedicated countless hours to modernizing this course over the years. Some of the innovative

changes were presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. He has been a regular contributor to the HCOP/REACH programs at UM and the Nursing Program at Montana State University. Todd was the primary mentor for several graduate students and served on a number of thesis and dissertation committees during his tenure.

Professor Cochran has published 30 articles in a range of journals including *Journal of American Chemical Society, Journal of Organic Chemistry, Journal of Medicinal Chemistry,* and *Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences.* For his sabbatical appointment in 1997-1998, he accepted a Visiting Scientist position in the Department of Pharmaceutics at the University of Washington. During this time, he explored his interests in drug metabolism and pharmacogenetics. His current scholarly interests are in curricular outcomes and educational assessment. He has actively participated in national organizations and contributed to conferences in his areas of expertise.

During his time at UM, Professor Cochran served on many committees and task forces within the Department, School, College and University. He was The University of Montana's delegate to the last two United States Pharmacopeial Conventions in 2000 and 2005. He has served in various roles for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and other national education organizations.