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**Professor Emeritus of English: Michael Beehler;  
Montana State University-Bozeman**

**THAT:**

Upon the occasion of the retirement Michael Beehler from the faculty of Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

**EXPLANATION:**

Professor Beehler received his doctorate in English from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1978. He joined the faculty of Montana State University as an Assistant Professor in 1985 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1987. He was promoted to Full professor in 2000. He served as Department Head in English from 2002 to 2006.

Professor Beehler's scholarly fields are modern literature and literary theory; he is also increasingly known for his work on architecture and literature. As his vita indicates, he has published widely throughout his career. He has published one book and numerous articles and review essays. He has also given dozens of presentations and invited lectures.

As a teacher, Professor Beehler has been indefatigable. He has taught all levels of writing including English 123, Introduction to Literary Studies, and a host of other courses including the contemporary British and American surveys, literary theory, honors courses, English capstones, and graduate level courses. Professor Beehler's teaching throughout his career is marked by his devotion to student learning, and students praise his vast knowledge, his dedication to their learning, and the ways in which he encourages and supports the development of their critical thinking.

In service, Professor Beehler has served on virtually all Department committees many times. As Department Head, he was respected by his colleagues as a fair and thoughtful leader

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Michael Beehler the rank of Professor Emeritus of English at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.