Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Nursing for Dr. Patricia A. Holkup; Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Associate Professor Patricia A. Holkup from the faculty of Montana State University, the faculty wishes to extend its appreciation for her 10 years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the College of Nursing, and the State of Montana by recommending the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred on her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Holkup earned her baccalaureate in nursing degree from the College of Saint Teresa (1971), a master’s degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Montana (1979), and a doctor of philosophy in nursing from the University of Iowa (2003). She completed a post-doctoral fellowship in 2007 in geriatrics research funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation’s Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity program. Her teaching, research, and service focus on psychosocial and mental health issues of families, elders, and Native Americans. Dr. Holkup was promoted to associate professor in 2009.

Dr. Holkup was primary author and project director for the Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Training Grant the College of Nursing received from the Health Resources and Services Administration (2009-2013) and was instrumental in the implementation of the first mental health / psychiatric nurse practitioner program in the state of Montana. She taught courses at the undergraduate (psychiatric nursing, psychosocial nursing concepts, legal/ethical concepts) and graduate level (family concepts, theory and research) and was nominated for Montana State University’s Excellence in Online Teaching Award (2012) and received the Excellence in Nursing Education Award from the Montana Nurses Association (2009). Dr. Holkup was nominated for Montana State University’s Excellence in Outreach Award (2011) and received Montana State University’s BEST award in 2006.

Since 2003, Dr. Holkup has been the principal or co-investigator on six (6) funded studies; author of six (6) refereed manuscripts; and delivered twenty-six (26) peer reviewed paper or poster presentations at regional, national, and international conferences. She is the founding member of the Missoula Suicide Prevention Task Force (now Missoula Suicide Prevention Network). Dr. Holkup served on the National Institute of Aging’s ad hoc scientific review board for the Developmental Research on Elder Abuse special initiative (RFA AG-06-009) and was a member of the expert panel for the Mental Health First Aid Standards Project for Suicidal Behavior, Delphi process, for the University of Melbourne, Australia. She was the co-developer, director, and coordinator for four (4) offerings of seven (7) webinars for non-mental health primary care providers (nurses, pharmacists, counselors, social workers, therapists) who provide mental health care in their practices.

Prior to joining the College of Nursing at Montana State University, Dr. Holkup was an instructor
at the College of St. Teresa and Salish Kootenai College; a research assistant at the University of Iowa; a group facilitator and therapist at the University of Montana; senior advocate for Missoula Aging Services; and staff nurse. She also participated in a medical mission, to Jocatan, Guatemala.

For these and numerous other contributions, the faculty of the College of Nursing is pleased to nominate Patricia A. Holkup for the rank of Professor Emeritus of Nursing at Montana State University.

ATTACHMENTS
None