

## RESOLUTION OF THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS AFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO THE COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY PLAN

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS – Ensuring affordable access to higher education for Montana residents is a top priority for the Board of Regents.

WHEREAS – Tuition rates in the MUS, when compared to median household income of Montanans, are higher than the average in the western states.

WHEREAS – Governor Bullock and Commissioner Christian have agreed to implement the College Affordability Plan (CAP) to freeze resident-student tuition for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 academic years if the Legislature provides the funding necessary for MUS present law adjustments and the Pay Plan.

WHEREAS – An addendum to the CAP agreement was signed by the Governor, the Commissioner of Higher Education, and the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education to include a performance funding component in the allocation of state appropriations in FY15.

WHEREAS – Funds designated for performance funding will be distributed based on progress made toward increasing college completions and other related outcomes aimed at accelerating time to degree.

WHEREAS – The Board of Regents have included performance funding as a priority initiative in the Success Agenda of the MUS Strategic Plan since 2009.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that, the Montana Board of Regents commits to implementing the College Affordability Plan and the performance funding addendum to the CAP.