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**ITEM 158-1010-R0313**

**Authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Music on Dennis Alexander, The University of Montana**

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**THAT**

The faculty of The University of Montana School of Music wishes to express its appreciation to Dennis Alexander for his 24 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the state of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

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**EXPLANATION**

Throughout his tenure at The University of Montana, Professor Alexander made a profound impact on the lives and future careers of his students. He revitalized the piano pedagogy program and was so successful in his work as a piano pedagogue that he was asked to co-author Alfred Publishing's Premier Piano Course.

Professor Alexander has had a distinguished career as a pianist and composer. While at UM, he made his Carnegie Recital Hall debut. Over the years, he performed throughout the state and region both as a soloist and with other faculty members. His musicianship was unerring and his artistry inspired all who collaborated with him. His compositions are played by pianists all over the world, and he continues to receive commissions and invitations from many professional orchestras and organizations. His 240 publications and recordings have earned him an international reputation as one of North America's most prolific and popular composers of educational piano music. Many of his compositions are also included in the required list of the National Federation of Music Study Clubs Festival.

Although retired from UM for many years, Professor Alexander still has strong ties to the School of Music and the state of Montana. A former president of the Montana State Music Teachers Association, he gives master classes and workshops for both state organizations and for the School of Music. He lists his affiliation with the University in all his publications, promotional materials, recordings, and websites, thus promoting our institution to prospective students, piano pedagogues and future supporters.

The School of Music is pleased to nominate Professor Alexander for emeritus status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No Attachments