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**ITEM 195-2401-R0721**

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Extension upon Dr. David M. Young; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. David M. Young from Montana State University Extension, 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.

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**EXPLANATION**

Professor Young received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree from Colorado State University in 1966, and his Masters (MS) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees from The Ohio State University in 1967 and 1970, respectively. He joined the faculty at Montana State University (MSU) as Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Science/Director of Veterinary Research Laboratory in August of 1977.

Over the past 43 years at MSU, Professor Young has made substantial and sustained contributions to his discipline, the university, the state, and the nation through his research, initiating and directing institutional programs, and serving on various university, state, and national committees. During his tenure at MSU, Dr. Young served in the following administrative positions:

- 1977 – 1985 Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Science/Veterinary Research Laboratory
- 1985 – 1995 Coordinator, Biomedical Research Programs; Supervisor of Institutional Review Boards; Director of Minority Programs–Office of the Vice President for Research, Creativity & Technology Transfer
- 1995 – 2005 Director, Montana Office of Rural Health (ORH)/Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
- 2005 – 2020 Rural Health Specialist & Community Health Specialist, Extension Service

Dr. Young joined MSU Extension in 2005 with the charge to develop and implement a Community Health Resources Program to provide information, education, resources, technical assistance, and services to help create healthy, safe, thriving Montana communities. The program is designed to promote and enhance the capacity of individuals, families, and communities to make well-informed, healthy choices and decisions. A major outreach strategy of the program is to advance health equity, reduce health disparities, and improve the health and well-being of vulnerable, underserved, at-risk, marginalized, and disenfranchised populations.

During his tenure at MSU, Dr. Young has served as Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-PI on 30 different grants and contracts amounting to over \$26 million of extramural funding. Most recently, Dr. Young's research has focused on promoting health literacy, health insurance literacy, and improved self-care management of inmates in jails and prisons. He is a Co-PI on an NIH grant that is in its final year (2017-2021) entitled Promoting Health Literacy and Improved Self-Care Management of Incarcerated Populations Using Secure Tablet Technology (2017-2020). In retirement, Dr. Young's passion is to mitigate and eliminate the childhood trauma-to-addiction-to-incarceration pipeline.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. David M. Young the rank of Professor Emeritus of Extension at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None