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**ITEM 200-1018-R0522**

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Mathematics on Dr. Jenny McNulty – University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Dr. Jenny McNulty retired from the faculty of The University of Montana in 2021. The Math Department wishes to express its appreciation for her 28 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and to the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. McNulty earned her Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina and joined the Department of Mathematical Sciences at The University of Montana (UM) in 1993. She served at all levels at UM, rising through the ranks from Assistant Professor to Full Professor in 2004. She served as the Associate Chair for the Graduate Program within UM-Math from 2006-2008 and then moved to the Dean's Office, as Associate Dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences, in 2010. She served in that role until she took over as Interim Dean in 2018. After two years in that position, in the fall of 2021, Dr. McNulty left UM to serve as Interim Provost at UM-Western in Dillon. This past fall, she was hired into her current position as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Alaska Anchorage, and she retired as a faculty member from UM.

During her years in the Math Department, Dr. McNulty was an excellent teacher and mentor to students. She received the *Outstanding Faculty Advising Award* in 2005, and she mentored many graduate students, including as major advisor for three Ph.D. students and eleven M.A. students. Moreover, she was a well-known researcher in her field of Discrete Mathematics, having published many papers and culminating in a co-authored book on Matroid Theory published by Cambridge University Press in 2012. She also co-organized the *Big Sky Conference on Discrete Mathematics* from 1995-2004, which was attended by an international group of researchers.

Dr. McNulty's contributions to UM after leaving the Math Department for the Dean's Office are too many to list here, but suffice it to say, she has given far more to UM than the average faculty member. We are proud that she called the Math Department home during her 28 years at UM.

We are pleased to nominate Dr. McNulty for the title of Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at The University of Montana.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None