

March 13, 2025

**ITEM 217-1013-R0325**

**Request for Authorization to Award an Honorary Doctorate to Eric Sprunk; University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

The University of Montana requests authorization from the Montana Board of Regents to award an Honorary Doctorate of Business to Eric Sprunk.

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**EXPLANATION**

A Missoula native, Eric Sprunk's business career brings great pride to the University of Montana. After graduating from UM in 1986, he initially put his degree to work at PriceWaterhouse. In 1993, he began a 27-year tenure at Nike, Inc. Starting as the Finance Director of the Americas, Mr. Sprunk held several important roles at Nike, Inc. – including Executive Vice President of Global Footwear and Executive Vice President of Global Product and Merchandising – before eventually serving as the Chief Operating Officer from 2013 until his retirement in 2020. On the board of directors for numerous high-profile businesses and non-profits -- such as Nordstrom, General Mills, Bombardier, Providence, and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) -- Mr. Sprunk is also a Venture Partner at FUSE and works with growing companies, such as HILOS and Jigx. Beyond his many accomplishments and accolades, including the UM Distinguished Alumni Award in 2014, Mr. Sprunk is a dedicated philanthropist and a devoted UM alumnus.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1: Nomination Packet