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## ITEM 221-1005-R1125

# Request for Authorization to Award a Regents Professorship to Professor Julia Galloway; University of Montana-Missoula

#### **THAT**

The University of Montana requests authorization from the Montana Board of Regents to award a Regents Professorship to Professor Julia Galloway.

### **EXPLANATION**

Professor Galloway's career exemplifies a rare and enduring record of excellence across the full spectrum of academic life. As both a visionary artist and a nationally recognized educator, she has significantly influenced the field of contemporary ceramics at the international level while simultaneously advancing the University of Montana's impact through her creative scholarship, mentorship, and leadership.

Her *Endangered Species Project*—a decade-long integration of artistic practice and ecological advocacy—has already achieved national distinction and is scheduled to tour major cultural institutions throughout the United States beginning in 2028.

The Regents Professor Selection Committee issued a unanimous and unequivocal recommendation, commending her as "outstanding in every way" and "a world leader in her field." Committee members, including those from disciplines well beyond the arts, attested to being deeply affected by the breadth and quality of her portfolio and inspired by the scope of her influence.

Professor Galloway's commitment to the University of Montana is equally distinguished. She has cultivated meaningful connections across the state, most prominently through her establishment of *Montana Clay*, a statewide coalition of ceramic artists dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and advancement of the ceramic arts through collective resources, professional networking, open dialogue, and advocacy. In addition, she has implemented sustainable studio practices and provided mentorship to students whose professional achievements now extend across the globe. Throughout her career, she has remained steadfast in her dedication to this institution. Her scholarship, service, and values embody the highest ideals of the University of Montana.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1: Supporting documentation