The purpose of this resolution is to commend Kyle D. Hoffman, for his leadership, service and dedication to the University of California, Merced during his tenure as Vice Chancellor for Development & Alumni Relations.

Whereas, Kyle joined the Bobcat Family as the Vice Chancellor for Development & Alumni Relations in 2012 serving us for over 5 years, and has had a distinguished career of 32 years devoted to the University of California — from his time at his alma mater UC Santa Barbara to his tenure at UC Riverside to his journey at UC Merced;

Whereas, Kyle brought wisdom, passion, and dedication to his work as though he was a UC Merced Alumnus;

Whereas, one of Kyle's first objectives was to build a robust Development & Alumni Relations team with a collaborative culture devoted to the advancement of UC Merced through philanthropy;

Whereas, the keynote of Kyle's legacy was the development of the UC Merced Alma Mater: My Merced — UCMAA is exceedingly grateful for an alma mater that is reflective of our affinity and love for UC Merced;

Whereas, Kyle listened to the needs, desires, and dreams of the UCMAA Board as well as implemented some of those ideas; such as a robust online recurring giving portal and matching gift opportunities for alumni including Giving Tuesday UC Merced;

Whereas, Kyle was always willing to meet with alumni, including but not limited to those located in Washington, D.C., Southern California, Northern California and throughout the Central Valley;

Whereas, Kyle will be deeply missed by many alumni leaders and many more who have been embraced by his stewardship; Whereas, UCMAA has grown through Kyle's wisdom, experience and leadership — we are indebted to him;

Whereas, it will be a monumental challenge to find someone to succeed Kyle's leadership and embrace the philanthropic and alumni relations culture of UC Merced as well as meet the challenges ahead of us through the Merced 2020 Project and beyond;

Be it resolved, that the UCMAA commends Kyle D. Hoffman's leadership, service and dedication to UC Merced during his tenure as Vice Chancellor for Development & Alumni Relations, and we wish him well in his retirement;

Be it further resolved, that in gratitude for his service, leadership and dedication to UC Merced Alumni and Students, the UCMAA hereby grants Kyle D. Hoffman honorary membership, and all the rights and privileges thereto — “Let The Journey Continue”;

Be it finally resolved, that UCMAA shall transmit this resolution to the UC Merced Chancellor, UC Office of the President, UC Board of Regents, and any other persons or organizations deemed appropriate by the UCMAA President.

Approved by the UCMAA Board of Directors on April 21st, 2017