

**University of Washington
Board of Regents
Resolution of Appreciation to
Michele Sams**

WHEREAS, Michele Sams, Secretary of the University of Washington Board of Regents, has served with distinction in her capacity as a corporate officer of the University of Washington Board of Regents since 2002; and

WHEREAS, she has been an exceptional and dedicated member of the University staff for 32 years, serving in various capacities in student activities and student affairs, helping to enhance the student experience at the University in a variety of areas before becoming secretary of the Board; and

WHEREAS, after so many years of inspirational and tireless work, she has decided to transcend the daily grind of Board meetings and agendas, document production and paper shuffling, to enter at an entirely premature stage the blissful state of retirement; and

WHEREAS, she has exhibited remarkable skills in organizing and managing the work of the Board, including superhuman efficiency, incredible diplomacy, exquisite tact and discretion, and the quintessential consummate skill of herding ten cool and temperamental cats; and

WHEREAS, through it all, she has comported herself with professionalism, good humor, grace under pressure, superb judgment, generosity and kindness, and immense respect for the office she holds and the people we serve; and

WHEREAS, the University is simply a better place for Michele's having been here;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members of the Board of Regents, on behalf of the 20 Regents who have had the privilege to work with her since 2002, express to Michele Sams their immense gratitude for her years of service and her dedication to the Board and the University it serves, for her devotion to its members, and for her friendship, that we wish her joy and happiness in the years to come, and that as her last official act, she spread this resolution upon the minutes of the Board—her minutes—as a permanent record of the members' sincere appreciation.