RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO PATRICK O’ROURKE

WHEREAS Vice President Patrick O’Rourke served the University of Colorado for eight years as Vice President, University Counsel and Secretary of the Board of Regents, having started with the University of Colorado in 2005 and serving as Managing Senior Associate University Counsel for the litigation office before assuming his role as Vice President, University Counsel and Secretary of the Board;

WHEREAS In his role with University Counsel, Vice President O’Rourke provided exceptional defense of the university in several important lawsuits, which influenced future legal decisions;

WHEREAS Vice President O’Rourke oversaw the substantial expansion and evolution of the office of University Counsel and its role in the university during a time when public institutions faced increasing regulatory challenges;

WHEREAS At University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Vice President O’Rourke helped develop the legal curriculum that is part of the Humanities, Ethics and Professionalism thread in the current School of Medicine curriculum; is core faculty for the Informed Consent session and for the malpractice mock trial; and taught the course Ethical and Legal Issues in Public Health for the Colorado School of Public Health for ten years;

WHEREAS At the University of Colorado Boulder School of Law, Vice President O’Rourke has taught Health Law II: Medical Malpractice Litigation and Public Health Law & Ethics since 2014;

WHEREAS Vice President O’ Rourke has worked with the University of Colorado Center for Bioethics and Humanities as a founding Program Planning Faculty member for the annual Aspen Ethical Leadership Program, serving as lead advisor on integration of complex issues in health ethics and health law;

WHEREAS Faculty Council appreciates the commitment to shared governance, academic freedom, and consensus building Vice President O’Rourke demonstrated when working with Faculty Council and the academic community;

WHEREAS Vice President O'Rourke acted as an advocate and supporter of diversity in the legal profession through his four years of contributions in leadership roles to the Center for Legal Inclusiveness, as well as a member of CLI’s Diversity Engagement Committee, Strategic Action Planning Committee, Membership Committee, and Education Committee;

WHEREAS Vice President O’Rourke has committed the Office of University Counsel in supporting the Colorado Pledge to Diversity Program, promoting continued collaboration between the legal community and local law schools like the University of Colorado to foster community growth and progress;

WHEREAS Vice President O’Rourke serves as a member of the DSST Public Schools Board of Directors and has contributed his passion for opening doors to great education for all middle and high school students in Denver and Aurora; shared his astute governance expertise; and regaled the board of directors with his quick wit;

WHEREAS Vice President O’Rourke has worked committedly to ensure the effective and continued operations of the Board of Regents of the University of Colorado and to support President Benson, President Kennedy, and the sixteen regents with whom he has served;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the University of Colorado Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation to Vice President Patrick O’Rourke for his dedicated service, guidance, and outstanding contributions to the university;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Board of Regents is grateful that Vice President O’Rourke’s contributions to the university will continue as he assumes the role of Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer for the University of Colorado Boulder campus.

Hereby adopted by the University of Colorado
Board of Regents on February 14, 2020

Glen Gallegos
Chair, Board of Regents