

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA (MOLLI)

WHEREAS, MOLLI offered its first classes in January of 2006; and

WHEREAS, MOLLI has continued to offer programs that promote the lifelong learning and personal growth of individuals through a diverse collection of noncredit academic programs that create an accessible and innovative learning environment so that individuals from all backgrounds and levels of education may pursue learning; and

WHEREAS, MOLLI was one of the first Osher Lifelong Learning programs to receive not just one but two, million-dollar endowments; and

WHEREAS, MOLLI has offered more than twenty academic courses per term, across three six-week terms, as well as short courses, member presentations, local and global travel opportunities, interest groups, and special member events covering topics that range across the Humanities, Fine Arts, Natural and Social Sciences, as well as Political, International, and Current Affairs; and

WHEREAS, MOLLI faculty and staff have been pedagogical leaders in delivery of quality educational programs across a range of modalities, including Zoom, face-to-face, hybrid, field-based formats; and

WHEREAS, MOLLI has cultivated intergenerational learning opportunities, partnering its members with UM undergraduates through shared coursework and an annual Griz Read book club with Davidson Honors College students; and

WHEREAS, MOLLI has in its two decades reached more than 1,000 students a year through programs that have built community, engaged faculty, and connected the university with a broad range of Montana constituencies;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Montana recognizes and extends its appreciation and congratulations to MOLLI on the occasion of their twentieth anniversary.