Date: May 15, 2023

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Scott Whittenburg, Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship

RE: Designation of Signature Authority

The President of the University of Montana designates the Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship as the “authorized institutional official” with signature authority per 2 CFR 200.415 on all documents conveying external funding to the University.

Per University of Montana Policy #200: Signature/Delegation of Authority, as Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship, I authorize Nicole Thompson, Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs, as my designee for such signature authority per 2 CFR 200.415. It is appropriate, therefore, that such documents be so prepared and addressed. Nicole Thompson is also designated as the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) for all matters pertaining to Sponsored Programs functions. Moreover, at the discretion of Nicole Thompson, individuals in the Office of Sponsored Programs have authority to submit electronic proposals and sign required financial, equipment, and patent reports.

Additional designees per 2 CFR 200.415 include L. Scott Mills, Associate Vice President of Research for Global Change and Sustainability and Julie Rogers, Director of Budgets and Operations.

I delegate Zach Scott, Associate Vice President for Research Compliance and Technology Transfer, authority to sign material transfer, research collaboration, non-disclosure and confidentiality, facility and equipment use, data use/sharing/transfer, and intellectual property licensing (option and license) agreements, patent and trademark prosecution documents (including assignments), research memoranda of understanding, and all other agreements, correspondence, licenses, or certifications related to the research compliance, technology transfer, and HIPAA privacy programs at the university.

Julie Rogers, Nicole Thompson, and L. Scott Mills are also authorized to sign in my stead for all hiring and personnel transactions that are paid from grant accounts, or any research accounts.

This delegation shall remain in effect until revoked by me or my successor.