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Date: August 10, 2026

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Paul Lukacs, Interim Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship

Re: Designation of Signature Authority

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Paul M Lukacs
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This document revokes and replaces the Designation of Signature Authority dated May 5, 2026.

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 Interim 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. An additional designee per 2 CFR 200.415 is Julie Rogers, Director of Budgets and Operations. Both Thompson and Rogers are further authorized to sign in my stead for all hiring and personnel transactions that are paid from any grant or research account.

I delegate Claudia Eccles, Associate Vice President for Research Compliance, authority to sign material transfer, research collaboration, non-disclosure and confidentiality, facility and equipment use, data use/sharing/transfer, and research memoranda of understanding, customs brokerage agreement (including powers of attorney and bond agreements), any substantive equivalents thereof, and all other agreements, correspondence, licenses, or certifications related to the research compliance, export control, and HIPAA privacy programs at the university. Also, Eccles is further authorized to convey any lien or security interest in any university-owned equipment or vehicles, purchased using sponsored research funds administered by the Office of Research and Creative Scholarship, when required by law, regulation, or contractual obligation.

I delegate Harmen Steele, Director of the Office of Tech 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 and powers of attorney), research memoranda of understanding, any substantive equivalents thereof, and all other



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agreements, correspondence, licenses, or certifications related to the technology transfer program at the university.

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