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Statement of Governor Jim Doyle Regarding Retirement of Katharine Lyall

"Wisconsin has no more skillful, accomplished, or dedicated public servant than President Katharine Lyall. I have known her and worked with her for more than a decade and she has my deepest respect and gratitude for her contributions, including her efforts to highlight the state's economic development needs and to put the university to work addressing them. Hundreds of thousands of students have benefited from the great education they received at the UW during her tenure.

"On a personal level, I have great admiration for Katharine Lyall and I will miss working with her on a day-to-day basis. I know she had originally planned to retire a year ago, and I appreciate the fact that she stayed on to work with me and my Administration through my first year as Governor.

"Hers is a very demanding and difficult job, but she has made it look easy because of her impressive ability to work with people and get things done. She has handled a pressure-cooker job with great creativity, skill, and integrity and her collaborative approach has allowed the University to blossom.

"President Lyall has had a remarkable tenure at the UW. A leader always wants to leave an institution in better shape than he or she found it, and Katharine Lyall has done just that. The University of Wisconsin is stronger than ever, and its future is bright. On behalf of our entire state, I thank President Lyall for a job well done, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors."