

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

**CHANCELLOR REBECCA M. BLANK**

**WHEREAS**, Rebecca M. Blank served as the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Madison from 2013 to 2022, successfully leading the university through a period of extraordinary financial challenge, social justice upheaval, and a global public health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, under her leadership, All Ways Forward, the most successful fundraising campaign in UW–Madison’s history, raised more than \$4 billion, far surpassing its original goal; and

**WHEREAS**, she prioritized diversity, equity, and inclusion on the UW–Madison campus by investing in efforts to diversify the faculty, staff, and student body; enhancing relationships with the Native Nations of Wisconsin through the Our Shared Future initiative and the creation of a new position, Tribal Relations Director; and commissioning the Public History Project to tell the full story of the university; and

**WHEREAS**, under her tenure, UW–Madison enhanced its position as one of the world’s top public research universities, with \$1.4 billion in annual research expenditures, and continued to play a critical role in Wisconsin’s economy by attracting jobs, talent, and money to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, she built and strengthened UW–Madison’s relationships with citizens, businesses, community leaders, other UW System campuses, and policymakers, and increased access to a UW–Madison education for Wisconsin residents by creating the Bucky’s Tuition Promise and Badger Promise scholarship programs; and

**WHEREAS**, under her tenure, UW–Madison set new records for undergraduate applications and enrollment, improved educational outcomes, raised graduation rates, lowered time to degree, and reduced the graduation gap between all students and students from underrepresented groups; and

**WHEREAS**, she is a strong proponent of sustainability efforts, leading the university to win a 2021 Green Ribbon Schools Sustainability Award and signing the Second Nature Resilience Commitment to help UW–Madison mitigate and prepare for the effects of climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, she oversaw the growth and revitalization of campus infrastructure through numerous facilities projects to position UW–Madison for the future and ensure that the university will continue to attract and retain the best and brightest faculty, staff, and students; and

**WHEREAS**, she created financial stability for the university and grew investment income that has made it possible to expand scholarships, offer more competitive faculty salaries, and increase graduate student stipends;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offers thanks to Rebecca Blank for her service as Chancellor of UW–Madison and wishes her a successful tenure as the 17<sup>th</sup> President of Northwestern University.

*Edmund Manydeeds III*  
*President of the UW System Board of Regents*

*Stevens Point, Wisconsin*  
*This Seventh Day of April*  
*Two Thousand Twenty-Two*