

BOARD OF REGENTS

Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Cora B. Marrett has served the University of Wisconsin System for more than five years with humor, grace, and aplomb, leading the Office of Academic Affairs in advancing education as a public good that can build the human resources necessary for Wisconsin's future; and

**WHEREAS**, Marrett integrated the work of Academic Affairs and encouraged collaboration across the units of Academic Diversity and Development, Policy Analysis and Research, Learning and Information Technology, and Academic and Student Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the state's public university system is enhanced due to Marrett's insistence that quality and student success drive the UW System's program planning, faculty development, collegiate transfer, international education, and PK-16 collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, she has demonstrated a deep commitment to and respect for shared governance, building community with constituent groups throughout the UW System, including the Provosts, Faculty, Academic Staff, and Student Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Cora has shared her profound understanding of diversity as a societal imperative that plays a critical role in developing an educated citizenry dedicated to strengthening democracy and advancing equal opportunity for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, Cora's vision for inclusive excellence is evident across university efforts such as the Inclusivity Initiative, Women's Studies Consortium, Equity Scorecard Project, President's Council on Diversity, Wisconsin Alliance for Minority Participation, statewide public health initiatives, and the UW System's Liberal Education and America's Promise Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, Cora is nationally known and respected for her roles and insight on higher education, issues, and her optimistic vision and actions in the face of adversity and challenge will be a legacy that continues to improve the quality and future of public higher education in Wisconsin;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents extends its most sincere gratitude to Cora B. Marrett for her service to the university and the state of Wisconsin, and extends its best wishes as she begins her work with the National Science Foundation.

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*David G. Walsh*  
*President of the UW Board of Regents*

*Madison, Wisconsin*  
*This Eighth Day of December*  
*Two Thousand and Six*