

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Richard E. Kendell served as the Interim President of Southern Utah University, for six months, beginning July 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, he has devoted a lifetime to higher education also serving as Commissioner of Higher Education for the Utah System of Higher Education from November 2003 through December 2007; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership as Interim President, Southern Utah University continued to draw outstanding students and faculty, many of whom are attracted to the highly engaged learning environment; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Our Futures Rising Campaign nearly reached its final goal of \$100 million; and

WHEREAS, under his committed direction, he proposed a New Market Tax Credit initiative, a financing option that Southern Utah University intends to use to procure approximately \$3.4 million of capital funding for the Shakespeare Festival Project; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership and the full support of the university community, Southern Utah University has launched the ambitious Smart Growth, SUU campaign, with a goal of growing to 10,000 students by 2018; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the Southern Utah University football team had the best year in recent years and earned a spot at the Big Sky playoff tournament for the first time in University's history; and

WHEREAS, his calm, assured leadership provided the university with a steady direction during the transition period between presidents and enabled the Southern Utah University search for the 16th president to progress to a successful end;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Utah State Board of Regents, joined by the Commissioner of Higher Education and his staff, and institution presidents, faculty, staff, and students who have worked with Richard E. Kendell hereby extend sincere expressions of appreciation and respect, and wish him and his wife Joan the very best in their future endeavors.

Dated this 24th day of January 2014.


Bonnie Jean Beesley, Chair
State Board of Regents




David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education