

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT OF
THE BUDGET PRIORITIES OF THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF REGENTS
DURING THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, the 2014 General Session of the Utah Legislature convened on January 27 and concluded on March 13, 2014;
and

WHEREAS, the budget priorities of the Utah State Board of Regents for the 2014 Legislative Session were developed with the unanimous support of institution presidents, and with deliberate objectives to significantly increase capacity toward the 66 percent goal, improve quality, provide needed infrastructure, and support student success at the institutions in the Utah System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Gary R. Herbert, the Governor of Utah, in developing his budget recommendation to the Legislature, placed a high priority on education, in particular higher education and supported the priorities of the Regents and Utah System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the presidents of the institutions in the Utah System of Higher Education, trustees and regents, remained united in their commitment to the budget priorities of the Utah State Board of Regents throughout the legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, led by Co Chairs Senator Stephen Urquhart and Representative Keith Grover and Vice Chair Representative John Standard, carefully considered Higher Education's request, and then supported and advocated for our priorities; and

WHEREAS, the legislative leadership, President of the Senate Wayne Niederhauser, Speaker of the House Becky Lockhart, and members of the Executive Appropriations Committee, also played a key role in supporting funding and policies favorable to the Utah System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature made a significant commitment in support of public higher education by funding a an on-going operating budget increase totaling \$81.5 million and \$95.9 million for capital development including a new Science Building at Weber State University, and classroom buildings for USU Eastern in Price and USU Brigham City;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the members of the Utah State Board of Regents express appreciation to the Governor, the Utah Legislature, institution Presidents, and Trustees for their hard work and united efforts during the 2014 Legislative Session that resulted in a significant investment in Utah's future.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2014.


Bonnie Jean Beesley, Chair
State Board of Regents




David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education