



*RESOLUTION HONORING*

**WILLIE J. GILCHRIST**

*CHANCELLOR, ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY*

*THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA*

**WHEREAS, WILLIE J. GILCHRIST** has served with distinction as the Chancellor of Elizabeth City State University, first on an interim basis in 2006, and then since March 15, 2007, bringing stability to the University when true leadership was needed; and

**WHEREAS,** His 40-year career has been devoted entirely to public education, serving as a classroom teacher, counselor, principal, and school superintendent prior to entering higher education administration to lead his alma mater; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2001, Dr. Gilchrist was elected to serve on the Board of Governors, where he provided strong leadership to the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs and the Committee on University Governance, in addition to several *ad hoc* committees, leading to his appointment as the interim chancellor in 2006; and

**WHEREAS,** Among many accomplishments during Dr. Gilchrist's tenure, Elizabeth City State University has been ranked among the Top Public Baccalaureate Colleges in the South by U. S. News & World Report in 2010; launched a successful academic program in aviation science; completed the construction of the state-of-the-art Education Complex, Pharmacy Complex, and a new Residence Hall; while achieving clean financial audits in 2010-11 and 2011-12; and

**WHEREAS,** the University achieved full reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and School with *no findings* in 2010; increased private giving and alumni participation during his tenure; and implemented the Chancellor's Young Voyagers Program in 2008, a program initiated by Chancellor Gilchrist to get middle school students thinking about higher education and the importance of a college degree; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Gilchrist will conclude his service as Chancellor of Elizabeth City State University on June 30, 2013, after seven years of valued service;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina expresses its gratitude to **WILLIE J. GILCHRIST** for his leadership to Elizabeth City State University, to the University of North Carolina, and to the State.

*This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013*

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Peter D. Hans, *Chairman*

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Ann B. Goodnight, *Secretary*