



**RESOLUTION HONORING
THOMAS WARREN ROSS
PRESIDENT
*THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA***

WHEREAS, THOMAS WARREN ROSS has served since January 2011 as the seventeenth President of the University of North Carolina, the first public university in America to open its doors to students; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his five-year tenure, he has advanced the University's efforts to contribute to the common good, to produce talent and develop leaders for communities all across North Carolina, and to serve those communities in ways that enhance the quality of life for the people who live in them; and

WHEREAS, He has helped build a strong and capable cadre of system leaders, recommending the chancellors of 11 UNC institutions for election by the Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, He has helped maneuver the University through very challenging economic times, including allocation of some of the largest budget cuts in UNC's long history; and

WHEREAS, He was instrumental in the development and initial implementation of the Board of Governors' five-year strategic plan, "*Our Time, Our Future: the UNC Compact with North Carolina*;" and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the University has broadened its efforts to improve student retention and time to degree, expand online offerings, maximize efficiencies, promote more shared services, and increase private fundraising; and

WHEREAS, He has expanded UNC system efforts to serve military-affiliated students, veterans, and part-way home students; and

WHEREAS, He has helped facilitate unprecedented levels of cooperation and collaboration between the University and the North Carolina Community College System, as evidenced by the adoption of a Revised Comprehensive Articulation Agreement and successful implementation of a Reverse Transfer Program; and

WHEREAS, He has been a staunch champion for University faculty and staff and a tireless advocate for raising educational attainment in the state and keeping the University accessible and affordable for North Carolina residents; and

WHEREAS, He has carried out all of these duties with uncommon dedication and integrity, earning the respect and admiration of citizens across the state; and

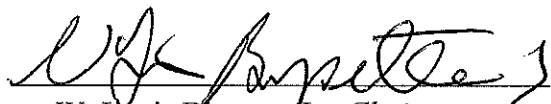
WHEREAS, As a result of his distinguished leadership, the people of North Carolina will be better educated and better equipped to compete and prosper in a global economy; and

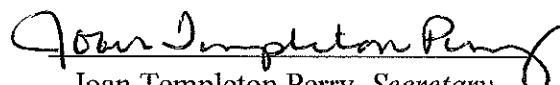
WHEREAS, He will conclude his service as President on January 3, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina expresses its gratitude and deepest appreciation to **THOMAS WARREN ROSS** for his extraordinary contributions to the University, the state, and nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as of January 4, 2016, **THOMAS WARREN ROSS** be designated and known as *President Emeritus* of the University of North Carolina.

This the 11th day of December 2015


W. Louis Bissette, Jr., *Chairman*


Joan Templeton Perry, *Secretary*