



RESOLUTION HONORING

WENDY FLOYD MURPHY

CHAIR, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS WENDY FLOYD MURPHY, will soon complete her term of exceptional and distinguished leadership as chair of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina. Since assuming the chairwomanship of the Board, Chair Murphy has returned focus to the mission of the University: recognizing that student success begins long before college and extends well beyond graduation, and championing efforts to strengthen academic preparation in areas such as reading and mathematics, while also confronting the pressures facing today's students; and through this work, she has reinforced the University's responsibility not only to educate, but to support and prepare students to thrive in a rapidly changing world, setting a clear and lasting direction for the University of North Carolina System; and

WHEREAS, Chair Murphy has focused the Board's attention on the issues that matter most to North Carolinians, including the total cost of attendance and the drivers of student debt beyond tuition and fees such as housing, dining, and health insurance, with her leadership driving greater transparency and real savings for students and families; and

WHEREAS, Chair Murphy's advocacy for student affordability across the University of North Carolina System has championed greater discipline and transparency in student fee increases while supporting access to a high-quality and affordable education for all North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, Chair Murphy's commitment and care for students' well-being, championing a healthier culture of achievement that promotes resilience, purpose, and long-term success, has put a necessary focus on fostering a healthy environment at our institutions without sacrificing academic rigor; and

WHEREAS, Chair Murphy's leadership and deep commitment to supporting K-12 children led to immeasurable improvements to our educator preparation programs by ensuring alignment with research-based reading and mathematics instruction, the impact of which will be felt for generations in classrooms across our state; and

WHEREAS, Chair Murphy's tenure on the Board of Governors has been distinguished by her leadership in modernizing our workforce and its governance to care for our employees and the impact they have on students across the UNC System, and through her support of operational efficiency initiatives—including administrative streamlining, shared services, and a focus on data-driven accountability—she has helped ensure that the state's resources are focused on our students and spent responsibly for the people of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Chair Murphy's driving vision as chair has been to consider how the University affects parents and children all over North Carolina—whether it be the parents who want their college-age children to excel or the K-12 students in parts of the state such as Sparta, Sylva, Wallace, and Windsor, whose literacy is the singular gateway to future success; and

WHEREAS, Chair Murphy, as a mother, a teacher, and a businesswoman, has served her nine years on the Board of Governors in a way that has prioritized principled service to the University and to the people of North Carolina; and her principles have focused on reducing the whole cost of education, requiring straightforward metrics like those that strengthen the ability of the University to train teachers who can improve literacy outcomes in our State, and accountable, common-sense policy solutions that honor the University's commitment to the parents who send their children at no small expense to UNC System campuses to receive a world-class education free from divisive distraction; and

WHEREAS Chair Murphy will conclude her extraordinary service as chair of the Board of Governors on June 30, 2026, but will continue to serve as a valued member of the Board, thereby helping to ensure the University's effectiveness, growth, and vitality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina highly commends and thanks Wendy Floyd Murphy for her effective leadership and distinguished service to the University and the citizens of North Carolina.

Unanimously adopted this 21st day of May 2026