

September 13-14, 2017

**ITEM 176-2008-R0917**

**Request for authorization to confer the title of Emeritus Director of Extension upon Dr. Jeff Bader, Montana State University**

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**THAT**

In recognition of his 30 years of service to Extension in Montana, New Mexico, and nationally, the Board of Regents bestows the title of Emeritus Director of Extension upon Dr. Jeff Bader.

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**EXPLANATION**

Professor Jeff Bader began his Extension career in 1987 as the Extension 4-H Agent in Santa Fe County, New Mexico where he was responsible for the administration, development, and presentation of 4-H programs. While still in New Mexico, Professor Bader became County Program Director of Quay County, and later Bernalillo County, and continued his work with the 4H program as well as developing and teaching agricultural and community programs to the constituents of Quay and Bernalillo County as well as administered an approximate budget of \$1 million and program planning for the largest county program in the state of New Mexico.

In 2009, Professor Bader assumed the role of Northern District Department Head, New Mexico Cooperative Extension. Within his responsibilities was the supervision and program planning of 13 county programs as well as budget and personal oversight.

In 2014, Professor Bader assumed the role of Executive Director Extension, Montana State University. MSU Extension programs engage communities and citizens, provide unbiased research based educational opportunities, and address local needs across the state. MSU Extension provides programs in Agriculture and Natural Resources, Community Development, Family and Consumer Science, and 4-H Youth Development that reach individuals in all 56 counties and 7 Reservations. Through Dr. Bader's vision and leadership Extension efforts and partnerships have flourished, collaborations with producers, communities, agencies, and individuals have been strengthened, and efforts in support of faculty program and professional development have increased. His understanding of the engagement and integration mission of Extension has fortified MSU Extension's reputation as a trusted partner and source of information.

Professor Bader's scholarship and service to the field of Extension has brought distinction to Montana State University and the state of Montana.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None