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Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Music upon Lowell Hickman; Montana State University-Bozeman

THAT:

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Lowell Hickman from the faculty of Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION:

Lowell Hickman joined the faculty of the Department of Music at Montana State University in 1968, and has been at the rank of Professor since 1990. During his 39 years of service to Montana State University, he has distinguished himself through his teaching, his performance as a baritone soloist, and as the director of the MSU Chorale and Montanans.

Professor Hickman holds degrees from Minot State College and the University of Iowa. Prior to his appointment at MSU, Professor Hickman taught in the Glendive and Bozeman Public Schools. He was conductor of the Bozeman Symphonic Choir from 1968 to 1998, and led the Bozeman Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Choir in performances of many of the masterworks of the symphonic genre, including Brahms' *German Requiem*, Handel's *Messiah*, Bach's *Mass in B minor* and *Magnificat*, Bloch's *Sacred Service*, the *Mass in C minor* by Mozart, Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, and many others. He has also been an active baritone soloist and has performed extensively throughout Montana.

Lowell Hickman is an institution within the institution. Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of his work at Montana State University is not simply the length of his tenure—39 years, which is extraordinary in and of itself—but the high level of integrity and musical excellence that have characterized his work and his many contributions to the Department of Music and its students, the community of Bozeman and the state of Montana. His work is held in the highest esteem throughout Montana and beyond, and his involvement in the musical development of Montana State University students—many of whom have since become his colleagues, thereby carrying on the long and time-honored MSU choral tradition—has been nothing short of life-

changing for them. Over 200 alumni, some traveling long distances, attended the Lowell Hickman Reunion Choir in April, in celebration of Lowell's extraordinary career.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Lowell Hickman the rank of Professor Emeritus of Music at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.