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ITEM 138-2705-R0308

Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Geology upon Dr. Thomas Zwick; Montana State University Billings

THAT:

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Thomas Zwick from the faculty of Montana State University-Billings, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION:

Upon his retirement June 30, 2007, the faculty of the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences unanimously requested emeritus status for Professor Thomas Zwick. Professor Zwick has completed a distinguished academic career of 35 years at Montana State University-Billings. During his tenure, he served as an Assistant, Associate and a full Professor. Dr. Zwick served his department as Chair for four years.

Professor Zwick received his BS degree in Geology-Geography from Wisconsin State University, his M.A. from Colorado College and his Ed.D. from the University of Northern Colorado. He has honored his profession through the publication of 10 scholarly publications in the physical sciences, presented papers/presentations at 26 professional meetings and prepared 24 consultations for governmental and private entities. Throughout his career he has taught approximately 30 rigorous courses in the Physical Sciences at Montana State University-Billings in the disciplines of Earth Science, Geography, General Education Physics, and Science Education courses.

He has served the University through his participation on five departmental and university committees including: Graduate Committee, Graduate Faculty Committee, Academic Standards Committee, DRTC Committee and URTC Committee.

Dr. Zwick held membership in 21 local and national professional associations including; National Association of

Geology Teachers (North Central Section President), American Geological Institute, Montana Geological Society, Geologic Society of America, Montana Education Association and the National School Boards Association. Dr. Zwick served as a Geology, Hydrology and Environmental Impact Consultant throughout Montana and prepared over 20 reports for governmental and private entities. Dr. Zwick was awarded \$208,100.00 in research grants over the course of his tenure with Montana State University-Billings; including \$37,000 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, \$50,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy, and \$36,010 for a Federal Title II grant. Dr. Zwick was awarded the Burlington Northern Foundation Award for Community Services and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies "For Outstanding Contributions to the Earth Sciences" awards.

Professor Thomas Zwick has made significant contributions to the students and faculty in the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences and to the Montana community. Montana State University-Billings wishes to honor Professor Zwick for his outstanding contributions to higher education and his discipline. We congratulate him upon his retirement and wish him the very best for the future.