

May 25-26, 2017

**ITEM 175-2002-R0517**

**Request authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Health and Human Development upon Dr. Lynn Paul**

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**THAT**

Authorization is requested from the Board of Regents that Dr. Lynn Paul be granted emeritus status at Montana State University with the title of Professor Emeritus of Health and Human Development.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Paul served for twenty-five years as the sole extension state specialist in food and nutrition for the Montana Extension Service with the Department of Health and Human Development, College of Education, Health and Human Development. She provided hundreds of workshops and presentations to adult audiences in the state of Montana on topics such as food safety, food preservation, healthy eating, nutrition and exercise, and healthy body image. She also worked with 4-H youth, ages 9 through 18, and their parents to help develop healthy lifestyles.

In her role as an on-campus faculty member in the Department of Health and Human Development, she has served on master's committees for students working in the areas of food and nutrition science, sustainable food systems, and health promotion. She has provided guest lectures to the courses offered in the food and nutrition program, showing the research and the applied nature of working with adult students in the state on food and nutrition problems. The nature of her work has involved her in both on-campus faculty responsibilities and in outreach to the state and beyond in an array of educational formats best suited for the audience.

Her research agenda has focused on childhood obesity, obesity prevention, nutrition and physical activity, food safety practices, and self-help for chronically ill women. She has participated in research groups writing and managing grants on topics such as promoting good agricultural and food handling processes, community heart health, childhood obesity, exercise and nutrition, and eating disorders.

The Extension Service is one of the major means of providing outreach to the citizens of the state of Montana, and Dr. Paul has performed extensive outreach by conducting educational presentations, training workshops, and lectures around the state. She also serves an important position as an expert to help the county-level extension agents to serve their stakeholders well with information on food and nutrition. She has trained and educated extension agents, who then take the evidenced-based information to help individuals and communities improve their health and quality of life.

Dr. Paul has admirably performed the mission of the land grant, through her teaching, research, and service. For these and other contributions, Montana State University requests that the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education confer upon Dr. Lynn Paul the rank of Professor Emeritus of Health and Human Development at Montana State University.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None