

March 7-8, 2019

**ITEM 182-2001-R0319****Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emerita of Nursing upon Dr. Elizabeth S. Kinion, Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Elizabeth S. Kinion from Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for her service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Elizabeth Kinion received her B.S.N. from Montana State University in 1964, her M.S. Ed. from the University of Akron in 1978, her M.S.N. from Kent State University in 1981, and her Ed.D. from the University of Akron in educational administration in 1987. Dr. Kinion was a member of the MSU College of Nursing faculty for twelve years (2006-2018) and served as Department Chair/Campus Director in the College of Nursing for seven years (2006-2013).

During her time at Montana State University, Dr. Kinion mentored over 20 graduate students and regularly taught six courses including NRS387R: Research in Health Care. But first and foremost, Dr. Kinion was a scientist. She had 25 refereed journal articles, countless presentations, and 14 funded grant proposals. She was passionate about discovering best practices for maintaining oral health, particularly for Native American children. Dr. Kinion authored video content titled, "Smiles for Life: Why Oral Health Must Be Part of the Patient Centered Medical Home" and developed culturally appropriate teaching materials for American Indian children. In 2015, the College of Nursing recognized Dr. Kinion with the Outstanding Researcher award for her sustained impact on the field of oral health in Native American children.

Dr. Kinion was an exemplary citizen within the College of Nursing, MSU, the nursing profession, and the State of Montana. To name a few, she served as a faculty mentor to the American Indian Student Wise Women Group, member of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, member of the MSU research council, member of the University Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee, member of Bozeman Deaconess Hospital Research Council, member of Montana Department of Health & Human Services Oral Health Division, and member for the Montana Chapter of the March of Dimes Program Services.

Dr. Kinion's passion for nursing science encouraged others within the College of Nursing to pursue scholarship. Many of her publications included junior faculty. She was a generous mentor with graduate students and junior faculty. Dr. Kinion inspired others. She rolled up her sleeves and contributed to the College, the University, and ultimately, to the State she called home.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Elizabeth Kinion the rank of Professor Emerita of Nursing at Montana State University and wishes her well for many years in the future.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None