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Montana Board of Regents Affirmation of the Future Ready Cabinet

THAT

The Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education recognizes and appreciates the work of the Future Ready Cabinet and their assessment of the educational attainment needs of our state. The Montana Board of Regents will work diligently to promote and pursue the goals outlined by the Future Ready Cabinet.

EXPLANATION

With a growing economy, low unemployment and the impending retirement of the Baby Boomer generation, Montana needs skilled workers to continue our economic growth. If Montana capitalizes on this opportunity, providing the necessary education and training to meet workforce demands, workers and employers will both benefit, in turn strengthening the State's overall prosperity. In 2013, Governor Bullock joined a growing number of states that were setting attainment goals by declaring in his State of the State address that Montana would increase the number of Montanans with a college degree, certificate or credential from 40% to 60% by 2025. This past year, Governor Bullock convened the Future Ready Montana Cabinet to re-examine this attainment goal, make adjustments if needed and identify the concrete policy and strategic changes Montana can make to significantly move the needle.

The Montana University System, represented by Commissioner Christian, has been actively engaged as part of the Future Ready Cabinet along with various state and local leaders, employers, educators, and other stakeholders. The resolution before the Board of Regents affirms the work of the Future Ready Cabinet and confirms that the Regents will support the Montana University System as it works toward the objectives identified by the Future Ready Cabinet.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Future Ready Cabinet Attainment Goals