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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering upon Dr. Steve Perkins; Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Steve Perkins from the Department of Civil Engineering in the Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering at 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

Dr. Steve Perkins received his undergraduate degree in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1984. He then received a Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degree in civil engineering from the University of Colorado in 1985 and 1991, respectively. While completing his degrees, Steve also worked as geotechnical engineering consultant for companies in Colorado and California.

Dr. Perkins began his employment at MSU in November 1991 serving initially as an adjunct professor before taking a tenure track assistant professor position in 1992. He was promoted to associate professor in 1998 and to full professor in 2007.

During his tenure at MSU, Dr. Perkins made significant contributions to the university and the geotechnical engineering profession. Steve is a recognized expert in the use of geosynthetics. He served as the principal investigator on 47 research grants funded by state and national agencies including the National Science Foundation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Montana Department of Transportation. Dr. Perkins has published over 135 journal articles, conference papers, book chapters and research reports. He has delivered 82 presentations, short courses, and workshops. His work has been used in the development of international design guides.

In 2000, Dr. Perkins received Fulbright Research Scholar to study at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU). His collaboration at NTNU resulted in work funded by the Federal Highway Administration on the application of geosynthetics in roadway design. He also served as Visiting Research Engineer at the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI) from 2006-2007 where he expanded his research into offshore geotechnical and received funding from the National Science Foundation and the European Joint Industrial Partners program.

Dr. Perkins taught 14 unique undergraduate and graduate courses at MSU. His international work established an association between Department of Civil Engineering and NTNU which led to exchange opportunities that have broadened the university experience of civil engineering students at both institutions.

Throughout his tenure at MSU, Dr. Steve Perkins has advanced his profession and expanded the capability and reputation of Montana State University. He is a scholar of international standing. For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents is pleased to confer the rank of Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering on Dr. Steve Perkins and wishes him well for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None