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ITEM 218-1506-R0525

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus on Catherine McDonald –
Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology; Montana Technological University**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Bureau Professional Practice Professor Catherine McDonald from the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, Montana Tech, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her 25 years of dedication and valued service by requesting the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

EXPLANATION

Catherine McDonald earned her B.A. in Geology in 1987 from University of Washington and her M.S. in Geology from the University of California - Davis 1992.

Katie came to the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology in 1998 and served as a Bureau Professional Practice Faculty (BPPF) Assistant Professor (Geologist) until 2005. She left the Bureau for the private sector and returned in 2007 as a BPPF Associate Professor (Geologist); she was awarded BPPF Professor (Geologist) in 2015.

The MBMG Geologic Mapping Program owes a great deal of its success to Katie's knowledge of Montana geology and her masterful efforts to coordinate annual proposals and projects – especially for the past 10 years.

Katie has demonstrated remarkable leadership of geologic research, program management, and mentorship. She has established a reputation of knowledge and expertise nationally as well as throughout Montana. She has authored or co-authored (most often as first author) more than 40 MBMG publications as well as several peer-reviewed publications; she managed the mapping program comprising 6-8 Bureau geologists for 10 years.

Based on her accomplishments in research and service to the state of Montana, the faculty and the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology of Montana Tech are pleased to nominate Bureau Professional Practice Professor Catherine McDonald as Professor Emeritus of the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology at Montana Technological University together with all the rights, privileges, and honors thereto appertaining.

ATTACHMENTS

None