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ITEM 226-2003-R0926

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor of Weed Science upon Dr. Bill Dyer;
Montana State University**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Bill Dyer from the College of Agriculture at Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for their service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Dr. William Dyer has had a distinguished academic career at Montana State University spanning nearly 40 years. Dr. Dyer earned his B.S. in Agronomy from Montana State University (summa cum laude) in 1981, and an M.S. in Agronomy from MSU in 1983. After earning a Ph.D. in Horticulture and Biochemistry from Purdue University in 1988, Dr. Dyer returned to Montana State University in 1988 as an Assistant Professor in Weed Physiology and Molecular Biology. He obtained the rank of Professor at Montana State University in 2000. Dr. Dyer's research expertise includes herbicide physiology and biochemistry, and the evolution and management of herbicide resistance.

Dr. Dyer's research and professional efforts have contributed substantially to one of the most pressing global problems for agricultural management – weed management, including the evolution and management of herbicide resistance. His scholarship portfolio includes more than 80 peer-reviewed publications in scientific journals and books, and grant awards totaling more than \$7M dollars. Dr. Dyer's prestige and credibility within the field of weed science and management is illustrated by his membership on national and international committees and working groups on weed and pesticide resistance and serving several times as both a member and panel manager for the USDA NIFA Weed Science program.

Dr. Dyer's impact on the educational mission of Montana State University was profound. He was instrumental in establishing and developing the Sustainable Food and Bioenergy Systems program; in particular establishing the Towne's Harvest Garden and associated practicum. Dr. Dyer was recognized for his efforts with this program in 2014 by the Association for Public Land Grant Universities for Scholarship and Engagement. In addition, Dr. Dyer was a popular instructor for several courses, including two popular and large "Contemporary Issues in Science" core course designations: 1) *Introduction to Plant Science*, which he taught to more than 150 students per year for more than 30 years, and 2) *Introduction to Biotechnology* (300+ students). Dr. Dyer also advised and mentored numerous graduate and undergraduate research experiences, theses, and dissertations.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Dyer the rank of Professor Emeritus of Weed Science at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None