



*RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION*

WHEREAS, Lynne N. Ward has served as the Executive Director of my529, Utah's educational savings plan, since 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward has overseen the growth of my529 from 48,000 accounts in 2005 to over 400,000 accounts today; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward has shepherded the increase in assets under management from \$950 million in 2005 to over \$14 billion currently; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Ward's leadership, my529 has become the third-largest direct-sold 529 plan in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward has expertly managed my529's robust investments and promoted low fees resulting in Morningstar, Inc. awarding my529 its Analyst Rating™ of Gold for eight straight years through 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward has supported policies allowing Utah taxpayers to qualify for a Utah state income tax credit for my529 account contributions per qualified beneficiary; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward has acted as a 529 ambassador in Utah and the nation, encouraging families to save for higher education expenses; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ward has served with distinction as a steward over the my529 enterprise;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Directors for the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority (UHEAA) by unanimous action taken August 29, 2019, joined by the Interim Commissioner of Higher Education and the entire staff of my529, express sincere appreciation to Ms. Ward, her commitment to higher education, and her fastidious leadership of, unwavering dedication to and heartfelt service at my529.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2019.

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Regent Steven J. Lund, Chair  
UHEAA Board of Directors



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*Dave R. Woolstenhulme*  
Dave R. Woolstenhulme, Commissioner  
Utah System of Higher Education