RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Aileen Hales Clyde, former member and vice chair of the USHE Board of Regents and vocal advocate of equal rights for all, died December 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, she was appointed to the USHE Board of Regents in 1989 and served until 2001, six of those years as vice chair; and

WHEREAS, she also served on the USHE Board of Regents Master Planning Task Force on Institutional Missions, Roles & System Configurations; and

WHEREAS, she also served on the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, as past chair of the Coalition for Utah’s Future, as a special advisor to Envision Utah, a member of the Utah Citizen’s Council, chair of the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, member of the Commission on Administration of Justice in the District Courts, president of the Utah Women’s Forum, chair of the Utah Task Force on Gender and Justice, and as second counselor in the General Relief Society Presidency and on the Young Women’s General Board of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clyde was also a member of the board of non-profits that shared her interests, including the Utah Symphony and Opera and the Utah Board of the Nature Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, she spent 10 years as a freshman English instructor at Brigham Young University; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, she has been a vocal advocate for the Equal Rights Amendment and received numerous awards and recognition for her public service including the Amicus Curiae (Friends of the Courts) Award from the Utah Judicial Conference for her uncommon commitment to the Judiciary’s goal of equal justice for all; the Herbert Harley distinction for the promotion of the effective administration of justice from the American Judicature Society; an honorary Doctorate of Humanities degree from Southern Utah University; and the 2018 Woman of Valor honor from the Mormon Women for Ethical Government for her contributions to community and social justice efforts; and

WHEREAS, a 20th Century Legacy Archive was established in her name at the University of Utah to document and preserve the history of women whose lives and work helped create social and cultural change, and;

WHEREAS, she holds a bachelor’s degree in English and a minor in history and psychology from Brigham Young University; and

WHEREAS, she dedicated much of her professional life to better Utah communities and made significant impacts to higher education in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the USHE Board of Regents, joined by the Commissioner of Higher Education and his staff, and institution presidents, faculty, and staff, hereby extend sincere condolences to Aileen H. Clyde’s entire family including her three sons, 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and countless others who have been impacted by her life’s work, and express respect for the many years of service on behalf of education in Utah.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2020.

Harris H. Simmons, Chair
State Board of Regents

Dave R. Woolstenhulme
Commissioner of Higher Education