



RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation made a generous donation to bring Utah college and university students comprehensive, evidence-based mental health support through The JED Foundation in 2020; and

WHEREAS, The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation was established in 1965 with the purpose of giving back to the community; and

WHEREAS, the need and concern for student safety, as well as mental health and wellness, has been increasing on national and local campuses, especially as new studies emerge indicating the negative impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on the mental health of college-aged adults and those who come from underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing substantial support for the JED Campus program, The Marriott Foundation is also providing funding to enable JED to annually convene the participating institutions to analyze statewide data trends, share knowledge and resources, and discuss promising practices as it relates to college student mental health; and

WHEREAS, since 2020, the state's two systems of higher education merged into a joint Utah System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Board of Higher Education is seeking additional funding support for all eight technical colleges to access the same tailored mental health support services through The JED Foundation this year; and

WHEREAS, The JED Foundation is a nonprofit that protects emotional health and prevents suicide for our nation's teens and young adults. JED partners with high schools and colleges to strengthen their mental health, substance misuse, and suicide prevention programs and systems. JED equips teens and young adults with the skills and knowledge to help themselves and each other by providing the tools, resources, and training needed to support student mental health and well-being, with an explicit emphasis on supporting those who face barriers to critical services; and

WHEREAS, USHE's sixteen institutions are committed to promoting student safety and wellness, a central component of which is supporting student mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the generous donation from The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation, The JED Foundation partnership will make a profound impact on Utah communities and students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Utah Board of Higher Education, joined by the USHE Commissioner of Higher Education and his entire staff, and institution presidents, faculty, and staff, extend their deepest thanks to The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation and look forward to the partnership with The JED Foundation over the coming years to strengthen and improve mental health and well-being on college campuses.

Dated this 15th day of January, 2021.

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Harris H. Simmons, Chair
State Board of Regents



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Dave R. Woolstenhulme
Commissioner of Higher Education