

## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

*WHEREAS, Valirie Serawop has been a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education, representing the students attending technical education programs within the Utah System of Higher Education since 2021; and*

*WHEREAS, her work as a student Board member includes selecting and evaluating institutional presidents, setting policy, reviewing programs and degrees, approving institutional missions, and submitting a unified higher education budget request to the governor and Utah State Legislature; and*

*WHEREAS, Serawop is a member of the USHE Campus Safety and Equity Advisory Council, which advocates for the well-being, safety, and equity for each student in Utah, including those who have historically been underserved or under-represented such as undocumented, BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and first-generation students; and*

*WHEREAS, she is involved with the Ambassador and Diversity Groups, where they build leadership and community involvement; and*

*WHEREAS, Serawop is enrolled at Uintah Basin Technical College in the Business Manager program; and*

*WHEREAS, she is the 2021 Uintah Basin Technical College Student of The Year, and was the silver medalist for prepared speech at the 2021 Skills USA Utah Leadership and Skills Competition and the gold medalist for extemporaneous at the 2022 Skills USA Utah Leadership and Skills Competition; and*

*WHEREAS, she is a member of the Northern Ute Tribe and was a teacher's aide for the Ute Tribe Head Start; and*

*WHEREAS, she plans to work in the administration of a local educational institution in the Uintah Basin; and*

*WHEREAS, she believes in the priority of education and was a vital part of the conversation about student success, equity, and access issues during her tenure on the Board and was instrumental in gathering insight about Utah college students' needs; and*

*WHEREAS, Ms. Serawop contributed to the Board of Higher Education and the Utah System of Higher Education by bringing her personal experience and views and was a passionate advocate for higher education equity, policy, and the students of the Utah System of Higher Education;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Utah Board of Higher Education, joined by the Commissioner of Higher Education and his entire staff, and institution presidents, faculty, staff, and students who have worked with Valerie Serawop, hereby extend sincere expressions of appreciation and respect and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.*

*Dated this 20th day of May 2022.*

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*Harris H. Simmons, Chair  
Utah Board of Higher Education*



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*Dave R. Woolstenhulme  
Commissioner of Higher Education*