

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Dr. Deneece G. Huftalin has dedicated more than three decades to Salt Lake Community College and has served as its eighth president since 2014; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, SLCC has improved student success and ensured academic achievements through the launch of the SLCC Promise grant, which covers tuition and fees when federal grants fall short; establishing a robust Open Educational Resources initiative, saving SLCC students \$24 million in textbook costs since 2014; and expanding the Partnership for Accessing College Education (PACE) Scholarship Program; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, she expanded SLCC programs and centers to increase access to education, including the re-brand and growth of Salt Lake Technical College at SLCC, where students can launch prosperous careers quickly and affordably; advocated for the opening of SLCC's West Valley Center to assist geographic accessibility to higher education; collaborated with government and industry leaders to build the Westpoint Workforce Training & Education Center; and opened SLCC's Herriman Campus, a unique collaboration with the University of Utah, where students can earn an associate and bachelor's degree at the same location; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Huftalin's steadfast dedication to accessible and quality education has helped a diverse population of students reach educational goals by starting and significantly growing SLCC's high school and middle school outreach programs; reducing access and opportunity gaps; and restoring a Prison Education Program at the Utah State Correctional Facility;

WHEREAS, she first joined SLCC in 1992, where she served in positions including director, academic and career advising; director, student relations and retention; dean of students; vice president for student services; and interim president before being named president; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining SLCC, Dr. Huftalin held roles at William Rainey Harper College, Northwestern University, the University of Utah, the University of Pittsburgh, and Stanford University; and


WHEREAS, Dr. Huftalin holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah, a master's degree from UCLA, and a Doctor of Education, Leadership, and Policy from the University of Utah; and

WHEREAS, her strategic planning and leadership have provided a clear vision for the institution, ensuring a focus on key priorities like student access and opportunity; and


WHEREAS, the Utah Board of Higher Education recognizes Dr. Huftalin for her dedication to student success and exemplary service at Salt Lake Community College within the Utah System of Higher Education with the title of President Emerita of Salt Lake Community College;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Utah Board of Higher Education, joined by the Commissioner of Higher Education and his staff, and institution presidents, faculty, staff, and students who have worked with Deneece G. Huftalin, hereby extend sincere expressions of appreciation and respect and wish her and her husband, Tim, and their two children, the best in their future endeavors.

Dated this 6th day of June 2024.


Amanda Covington, Chair
Utah Board of Higher Education




Geoffrey Landward
Commissioner of Higher Education