



RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Astrid S. Tuminez, Ph.D., has served as the seventh president of Utah Valley University since 2018, championing a mission of open access, belonging, opportunity, and student success; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, UVU established Vision 2030, a 10-year roadmap to strengthen support for students, communities, and the workforce, and guide the university's continued growth and impact; and

WHEREAS, during her presidency, UVU achieved record-breaking enrollment, retention, and completion rates, with enrollment reaching 48,669 students in fall 2025 and annual graduates increasing from 5,953 in 2018 to 12,940 in 2025, educating and graduating the most Utahns, reflecting her commitment to creating pathways for students to learn, grow, and achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, she guided the university to realize growth in its endowment, secure historic philanthropic support, and earn numerous institutional awards, including recognition as an "Opportunity College and University – Higher Access, Higher Earnings" by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, her dedication led the university to advanced key initiatives that strengthen Utah's workforce and communities, including establishing the Kahlert Applied Artificial Intelligence Institute, launching the Our Better Selves for a Better America initiative, and leading the university's first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign, raising more than \$250 million to support students; and

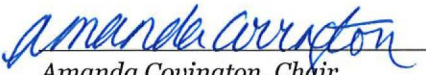
WHEREAS, prior to her presidency, President Tuminez built a distinguished career spanning global development, higher education, and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tuminez began her educational journey at the University of the Philippines and earned a bachelor's degree in international relations and Russian literature from Brigham Young University, a master's degree in Soviet studies from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and


WHEREAS, President Tuminez led the university with resilience and purpose, maintaining a steadfast commitment to students and the broader university community;

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 Astrid S. Tuminez, hereby extend sincere expressions of appreciation and respect for her dedicated leadership and service and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

Dated this 26th day of March 2026.


Amanda Covington, Chair
Utah Board of Higher Education




Geoffrey Landward, Commissioner
Utah System of Higher Education