

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Clay Christensen has served as president of Mountainland Technical College since 2006, providing dedicated leadership to students, faculty, staff, trustees, business and industry partners, and the broader educational community across the Mountainland region; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 20 years as president, he remained committed to expanding opportunities for students while advancing technical education and workforce development throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Mountainland Technical College experienced significant growth in student enrollment, academic programs, facilities, and industry partnerships, including the expansion of the college's regional footprint in Payson and Heber, now serving more than 6,500 students annually across dozens of valuable, industry-focused programs; and

WHEREAS, Mountainland Technical College has earned repeated recognition as Utah's Best of State winner in the technical college and vocational education category, receiving its seventh award in nine years in 2026, while celebrating the largest graduating class among Utah's public technical colleges and maintaining strong completion, placement, and licensure outcomes; and

WHEREAS, President Christensen strengthened industry and education partnerships, including a historic partnership with Clyde Companies that established the Clyde School of Trades and supported the development of Utah's first Civil Construction program of its kind, preparing students for high-demand careers in automation, diesel technology, welding, machining, and construction; and

WHEREAS, he advanced healthcare partnerships that increased access to high-demand programs, including tuition support for eligible surgical technology and radiography technology students, while supporting education excellence that led to a 100% pass rate on the national certification exam; and

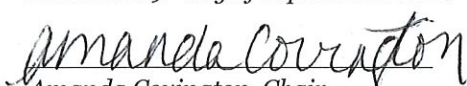
WHEREAS, during his presidency, he oversaw innovative K-16 education pathways in partnership with seven school districts and Utah Valley University, helping students across each of Mountainland Tech's program areas advance their education while saving time and reducing the cost of earning a degree; and

WHEREAS, President Christensen's leadership and commitment to technical education were recognized nationally in 2024 when he was inducted into the Council on Occupational Education Hall of Fame as the inaugural recipient of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Year Award, recognizing his vision and dedication to technical education in Utah;

WHEREAS, throughout his presidency he fostered a culture centered on students, supported faculty and staff, responded to the workforce needs of a rapidly growing region, and positioned Mountainland Technical College for continued success;

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, students, and community partners, hereby extend sincere expressions of appreciation and gratitude to Clay Christensen for his leadership, dedicated service, and lasting contributions to Mountainland Technical College and the state of Utah, and wish him, his wife Lori, and their family the very best on his future endeavors.

Dated this 9th day of September 2026.


Amanda Covington, Chair
Utah Board of Higher Education




Geoffrey Landward, Commissioner
Utah System of Higher Education