## RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF CYNTHIA PRIMO MARTIN BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Primo Martin is a recognized leader in the local and global communities as a change agent for inclusion of women and people of color; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Martin's reputation as a trailblazer in diversity strategies, human rights, and justice is evidenced in her founding of the Trustees of Color initiative to ensure Delaware's nonprofit boards are inclusive of people of color; and the establishment of the Quinton E. Primo, Jr. Lecture Series, which brought national and global human rights leaders to Delaware to discuss issues of race and reconciliation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin has brought her insight, passion and perseverance to her distinguished service on several boards, often in leadership and philanthropic roles, including the University of Delaware, The United Way of Delaware, Christiana Care Health Systems, YWCA, the African American Empowerment Fund of Delaware and the Delaware Superior Court's Board on Professional Responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Martin has received numerous awards recognizing her dedication to the community, including The Delaware State Bar Association's Multicultural Lawyers Community Service Award, the National Council for Community and Justice State Award, the Girls Inc. "Smart, Bold, and Strong" Award, and the Fund for Women Founder's Award; and

**WHEREAS**, as a former member of the University's Board of Trustees, having served in that role from 2001 to 2013, and as a University of Delaware alumna, Ms. Martin has brought honor and distinction to the ranks of UD's alumni;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees does hereby express its gratitude and appreciation to Cynthia Primo Martin with the presentation of the University of Delaware Medal of Distinction.

John R. Cochran Chair December 12, 2017