

RESOLUTION
IN RECOGNITION OF
DAN RICH
BY THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

WHEREAS, Dan Rich has shown distinguished service as Provost of the University of Delaware since 2001 and has been a valued member of the University's faculty since 1970, including 10 years as a College Dean; and

WHEREAS, in the role of Chief Academic Officer, Dan Rich has been responsible for the administration of all programs of instruction, research, service, and for facilitating the success of the University's faculty members and students, encompassing a senior leadership role overseeing the Deans of the seven colleges as well as the Vice President for Student Life and the Vice

Provosts for Academic Affairs and International Programs, Research and Strategic Initiatives, Graduate and Professional Education and the Libraries; and

WHEREAS, in his role as the University of Delaware's Provost, Dan Rich has shown exemplary leadership in enhancing the University's academic programs, including the expansion of undergraduate research, service-learning and study-abroad programs, the introduction of a new first-year experience for undergraduates, the implementation of a redesign of general education requirements, the development of new interdisciplinary degree programs, and the strengthening of partnerships with government, business, non-profit and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, Dan Rich has led the implementation of the *Commitment to Delawareans*, which prepares students from Delaware for admission to the University of Delaware and supports them financially if they enroll, and

WHEREAS, his tenure as Provost has seen a measurable increase in the quality of the faculty, with the addition of endowed professorships, an increase in the number of faculty winning nationally competitive early career awards and other distinctions; and a 50 percent rise in external funding from grants and contracts; and

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware also has experienced improvement in academic qualifications and diversity of its student body, increases in the number of full-time graduate students in funding for them and a climb in the number of doctoral degrees awarded each year; and

WHEREAS, Dan Rich has provided wise counsel to the University Board of Trustees, to the administration and to his colleagues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges, with heartfelt gratitude, the many

and valued contributions of Dan Rich to the entire University of Delaware community and to its Board of Trustees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees salutes Dan Rich and hereby presents to him the University of Delaware Medal of Distinction.

Howard E. Cosgrove

May 12, 2009