

RESOLUTION NO. 2013 – 08
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
TRUSTEE DENNIS MADSEN

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2004, Governor Gary Locke appointed **DENNIS MADSEN** of Mercer Island, Washington, to serve a term on the Western Washington University Board of Trustees through September 30, 2007 and Governor Christine Gregoire reappointed him for a second term October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS MADSEN brought to his appointment as a trustee over 38 years of experience with the Seattle-based company, Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), a national retail cooperative of outdoor gear and clothing; and brought leadership qualities developed during his extensive career, including service as the company's President and CEO; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS MADSEN brought to his appointment as a trustee an extensive background in community service by founding The Youth Outdoors Legacy Fund which focuses on helping urban kids get involved in outdoor activities and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS MADSEN has demonstrated a commitment to community service by serving on a number of boards related to conservation and outdoor recreation including the national Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition, IslandWood, and the Bicycle Alliance of Washington; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS MADSEN has been a significant contributor to the efforts of the Western Washington University Foundation, as a past President, and to the strength of the *Western in Seattle* committee; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS MADSEN has shown a true dedication to the University by funding several *Inspired for Teaching Excellence Scholarships* at Western's Woodring College of Education; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS MADSEN contributed to the increased stature and the future potential of Western Washington University through his participation in numerous activities and decisions affecting the University, including participation with the Presidential Search Committee; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS MADSEN has demonstrated throughout his service on the Board, vision, energy, commitment, candor, good humor and respect, and has served with commitment and distinction as a trusted member of the Western Washington University Board of Trustees; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that **DENNIS MADSEN** has exemplified what community services means as an engaged citizen, public servant and trustee; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University that **DENNIS MADSEN** be and is hereby honored for outstanding service and dedication to the University and is extended the gratitude and best wishes of the entire University community.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its regular meeting on August 22, 2013.