



RESOLUTION NO. 2015 – 03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF

TRUSTEE RALPH MUNRO

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2009, Governor Christine Gregoire appointed Ralph Munro of Olympia, Washington, to serve on the Western Washington University Board of Trustees through September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, RALPH MUNRO a native of numerous western Washington towns and communities, earned his bachelor's degree in Education and Political Science from Western Washington University in 1966 and was recognized by Western as a Distinguished Alumnus in 1989; and

WHEREAS, RALPH MUNRO brought to his appointment as a trustee a long and distinguished record of public service in Washington and the nation, including 21 years of service as Washington's longest serving Secretary of State, a job to which he was elected by the citizens of Washington five times; and

WHEREAS, RALPH MUNRO has brought to his appointment as a trustee a leadership and sponsorship role in the Munro Institute for Civic Education which promotes civic educational training, events and programs for the public and especially social studies and civics educators around the state; and

WHEREAS, RALPH MUNRO contributed to the increased stature and future potential of Western Washington University through his service on numerous local, national and international boards and commissions including the Board of Directors of several domestic corporations, such as Prepared Response, Thurston First Bank of Puget Sound, Panorama Retirement Center, The Squaxin Island Tribal Museum and History Link; as well as past president of organizations as Seattle Rotary Club and the National Association of Secretaries of State; and

WHEREAS, RALPH MUNRO has shown a true dedication to the public good by participating in public service opportunities such as legislation for disabled resident rights and eliminating architectural barriers in state designs, preserving historic landmarks throughout the state and his work as co-chair of the Washington State Centennial Committee, numerous wildlife protection efforts including the Orca Conservancy and Bald Eagle Preserve on the Skagit River, honoring and assisting military and veteran's groups, and his work in Africa with the Rotary International Organization with Polio eradication and vaccinations to children, providing access to clean water and building better schools; and

WHEREAS, RALPH MUNRO has brought to his appointment as a trustee numerous awards and recognitions including the Association of Washington Businesses C. David Gordon Award for Outstanding Civic Achievement, the Order of Civil Merit awarded by King Juan Carlos of Spain, the Order of Friendship awarded by Boris Yeltsin, former president of the Russian Federation, the League of Women Voters Executive Leadership Award, the Rotary International Board of Directors Service Above Self Award, the Puget Sound Energy Pioneer Award, the Seattle Biomedical Research Institute Advancing Global Health Award, and the World Affairs Council World Citizen Award; and

WHEREAS, RALPH MUNRO has demonstrated throughout his service on the Board, wisdom 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 **RALPH MUNRO** 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 **RALPH MUNRO** 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 20, 2015.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Lee".

Karen Lee, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dick Thompson".

Dick Thompson, Secretary