



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05

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

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF TRUSTEE

SUSAN K. SHARPE

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2012, **SUSAN K. SHARPE** of Bellingham, Washington, was appointed by Governor Christine Gregoire to serve a term on the Western Washington University Board of Trustees through September 30, 2018, and was reappointed for a second six-year term by Governor Jay Inslee ending September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, **SUSAN K. SHARPE** brought to her appointment the perspective of a proud WWU alumnus and her experience working as Executive Director of Chuckanut Health Foundation, Owner of Sue Sharpe Consulting, and as a health care planner, hospital manager and executive; and

WHEREAS, **SUSAN K. SHARPE**'s service on this Board has added to an already distinguished record of community service with numerous statewide organizations and locally as a Board Member on the Northwest Economic Development Council, and Member and former President of the Bellingham Bay Rotary; and

WHEREAS, **SUSAN K. SHARPE** was recognized for her distinguished professional career and commitment to community service with a 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce; and recognition as one of '52 Women of Whatcom,' a recognition that celebrated local changemakers; and

WHEREAS, **SUSAN K. SHARPE** provided outstanding leadership as Chair of the Board of Trustees and as Chair of the Board's Finance, Audit, and Enterprise Risk Management Committee; and

WHEREAS, **SUSAN K. SHARPE** challenged and inspired her Board colleagues and University leaders to think boldly about the future of Western Washington University, accelerating progress toward achieving Western's strategic goals and priorities; and

WHEREAS, **SUSAN K. SHARPE** understood the role of the Board of Trustees and articulated a clear understanding of the governance responsibilities of the Board and its committees; and

WHEREAS, **SUSAN K. SHARPE**, combined steadfast leadership, thoughtful engagement, and warm collegiality with a personal commitment to advancing the best interests of each member of the Western community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University that **SUSAN K. SHARPE** 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 meeting on August 16, 2024.

ATTEST:

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Faith Pettis, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Witherspoon".

Chris Witherspoon, Vice Chair