RESOLUTION NO. 2009-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DENNIS R. MURPHY

WHEREAS, in July 2007, **DENNIS R. MURPHY** was appointed by President Karen W. Morse as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Western Washington University; and

WHEREAS, **DENNIS R. MURPHY** brought to his appointment as Provost one previous year of experience as Interim Provost; and twenty-three years of experience as dean of the College of Business and Economics, preceded by his service as program director of the Masters in Business Administration program; and

WHEREAS, **DENNIS R, MURPHY** also brought to his appointment twenty-eight years of experience as a professor of economics at Western Washington University, preceded by service as a faculty member at Emory University and Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS R. MURPHY is a graduate of Western Washington University and holds graduate degrees from Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS R. MURPHY proved a persuasive and informed advocate for higher education in Washington State during a period of fiscal and philosophical uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS R. MURPHY provided exceptional university-wide leadership during a period of financial uncertainty and budgetary challenge; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS R. MURPHY provided guidance to the Academic Affairs unit during a time of significant transition which included the recruitment of three deans, one vice provost and one director; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS R. MURPHY has helped mentor a new generation of deans, vice provosts and directors, guiding with sage advice while modeling confidently executed decisions and the highest ethical standards of leadership; and

WHEREAS, under **DENNIS R. MURPHY'S** exceptional leadership, the university addressed a number of significant goals, including the completion of successful university-wide re-accreditation activities; the implementation of the initial faculty collective bargaining agreement; and the creation of new ways of measuring and reporting on institutional performance through the development of the *Dashboard* development indicators, participation in the Washington State Quality Awards reports, and organizational improvements in the area of institutional research; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS R. MURPHY put aside his own plans and wishes to continue his service to Western Washington University, its President, faculty, staff and students and has now completed his appointment as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University hereby offers thanks and commendation to Dennis R. Murphy for his many achievements and for his service as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dated and signed this 14th day of August, 2009.

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Philip E. Sharpe, Jr., Chair

ATTEST:

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Dennis Madsen, Secretary