

**WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION NO. 2012 – 08  
RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF TRUSTEE PHILIP E. SHARPE, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2002, Governor Gary Locke appointed **Philip E. Sharpe, Jr.** of Bellingham, Washington, to serve a term on the Western Washington University Board of Trustees through September 30, 2006 and Governor Christine Gregoire reappointed him for a second term October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2012; and

**WHEREAS, Philip E. Sharpe, Jr.** brought to his appointment as a trustee over 20 years of experience in the practice of law and currently is a partner in the law firm of Adelstein, Sharpe, and Serka; and

**WHEREAS, Philip E. Sharpe, Jr.** brought to his appointment as a trustee an extensive background in community affairs by serving on the Bellingham Public Facilities District board and the Whatcom Community College Foundation board and previously by serving ten years on the Board of Trustees for Whatcom Community College; and

**WHEREAS, Philip E. Sharpe, Jr.** brought to his appointment as a trustee a commitment to education by serving as special counsel to the United States Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, which has jurisdiction over federal education policies, and also as co-chair of the Bellingham School District campaign that raised \$30 million for the renovation of Bellingham High School; and

**WHEREAS, Philip E. Sharpe, Jr.** earned his bachelor's degree from Washington State University and a law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1976; and

**WHEREAS, Philip E. Sharpe, Jr.** as a resident of Bellingham and having served two terms as trustee on the Board, and as Chair of the Board of Trustees for 2008-2010, contributed his time to the stewardship of the University above and beyond the usual expectations for board service and at considerable personal sacrifice; and,

**WHEREAS, Philip E. Sharpe, Jr.** 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 Chair of the Presidential Search Committee; and

**WHEREAS, Phillip E. Sharpe, Jr.** provided critical contributions during periods of major transition in its presidential leadership and transformation in its strategic direction, funding realities, and organizational culture; and

**WHEREAS. Philip E. Sharpe, Jr.** is an Honorary Distinguished Alumnus of Western Washington University; and

**WHEREAS, Philip E. Sharpe, Jr.** has exemplified what community services means as an engaged citizen, public servant and trustee; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Western Washington University renames its prestigious annually conferred Community Engagement Award, the ***Philip E. Sharpe, Jr. Community Engagement Award***;

**AND NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Philip E. Sharpe, Jr. is the first recipient of the ***Philip E. Sharpe, Jr. Community Engagement Award***;

**AND NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University that **Philip E. Sharpe, Jr.** 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 17, 2012.

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Betti Fujikado, Secretary

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Peggy Zoro, Chair