



RESOLUTION NO. 2015 – 05

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

**RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE
*WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE***

WHEREAS, the WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE convened on Monday, January 12, 2015 to conduct the business of the people of the great state of Washington in another challenging budget year; and

WHEREAS, the WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE with the 2015 – 2017 final budget compromise built upon the investments made in the previous biennium to prioritize funding for public higher education after Washington’s colleges and universities experienced some of the deepest funding cuts in the nation and throughout state government during the Great Recession; and

WHEREAS, the WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE adopted a bipartisan budget with key investments in higher education that will maintain our state’s forward trajectory, grow our economy, and increase opportunities for our students and residents; and

WHEREAS, the WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE has provided a level of investment that will be critical in preserving continued excellence at Western Washington University at an affordable cost to the students and families of Washington state; and

WHEREAS, the WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE has provided the resources necessary for Western to reduce tuition for resident undergraduate students by a total of 20% over the 2015-16 and 2016-17 academic years, provide competitive compensation adjustments for faculty and staff, and expand Western’s academic offerings on the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas; and

WHEREAS, the WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE also provided critical funding in the 2015-17 capital budget for the renovation and expansion of Western’s Carver Academic Facility; and

WHEREAS, the WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE concluded their regular legislative session and three special legislative sessions after months of dedicated and hard work to serve the citizens and students of this great state on Friday, July 10th; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University extends its appreciation to **the WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE** for recognition of Western’s excellence and their vision for our contributions to higher education in this state, and to express our utmost gratitude for making public higher education a funding priority in the 2015 – 2017 budget.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its special meeting on July 20, 2015.

ATTEST:

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Karen Lee, Chair

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

Dick Thompson, Secretary