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**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR JAY T. AKRIDGE**

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WHEREAS, Jay Akridge served as Purdue University's provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diversity from 2017 to 2022 – his most recent role in more than 40 years of great service contributing to teaching and learning excellence at the university; and

WHEREAS, Jay provided valued leadership in Purdue's growth as a 21st-century land-grant institution; and

WHEREAS, Jay was fully dedicated to the success of the university and its faculty, staff and students – student enrollment of more than 50,000 and 10 academic colleges with 2,700 faculty members and 8,000 staff; and

WHEREAS, Jay championed student success initiatives that led to Purdue's highest ever retention and graduation rates; and

WHEREAS, Jay was responsible for the recruitment, hiring and review of deans and ensuring that the university's functions of teaching and learning, faculty affairs, student life, enrollment management, diversity and inclusion, engagement, and strategic initiatives were delivered with a focus on student success and the effective use of resources; and

WHEREAS, Jay oversaw a strategic growth initiative that added more than 7,000 undergraduates and 200 new faculty during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Jay led the development and ongoing implementation of the Purdue Next Moves initiatives Transformative Education 2.0 and the Equity Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Jay directed other initiatives that included WinterFlex, Steps to Leaps, the Data Mine, continued expansion of summer enrollment, restructuring institutional data management (IDA+A) and the expansion of Purdue Online degrees and credentials; and

WHEREAS, Jay was instrumental in the university adopting a civics literacy graduation requirement for all undergraduate students to enhance the educational experience and graduate a more informed citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Jay shepherded a commitment to an active role in mentoring, advising and supporting the academic success of students and postdoctoral scientists as part of the process that defines tenure and promotion; and

WHEREAS, Jay played an integral role in leading Purdue through the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Jay previously served for more than eight years as the Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture, leading the college's academic, research, Extension and international programs; and

WHEREAS, Jay served as interim vice provost for engagement in 2007-08 and as interim dean of agriculture in 2008-09; and

WHEREAS, prior to moving into administration, Jay was the James and Lois Ackerman Professor of Agricultural Economics, director of the Center for Food and Agricultural Business, and founder and director of the MS-MBA in Food and Agribusiness Management program; and

WHEREAS, Jay was a recipient of Purdue's Charles Murphy Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching in 1996, was inducted as a founding member of the Purdue University Teaching Academy in 1997, is listed in Purdue's Book of Great Teachers (2003) and was named a University Faculty Scholar in 2000; and


WHEREAS, Jay received the Lt. Governor's AgriVision Award for contributions to the state's agriculture industry in 2017; and

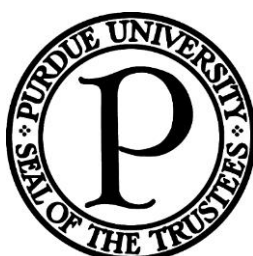
WHEREAS, Jay has served in a variety of leadership roles with the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, including chair of the Policy Board of Directors for the Board on Agriculture Assembly, and the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, as well as chair of the Executive Steering Committee for AgriNovus Indiana and a member of the board of directors of Agriculture Future of America and the Farm Foundation Round Table;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That the Trustees recognize the positive impact of Jay Akridge as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diversity of Purdue University – his most recent role in more than 40 years of great service to the university; and
2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Jay for his loyalty and service to Purdue; and
3. That Jay is to be congratulated and thanked for his tremendous contributions to our university; and
4. That his achievements are part of the great, permanent history of Purdue and will never be forgotten; and
5. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Trustees as part of the permanent record of the university.

**DECEMBER 2, 2022**

  
Michael R. Berghoff  
Chairman



  
Cindy Ream  
Secretary