SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY.

RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITA STATUS TO MARGARET FLATT, PH.D.

WHEREAS, Saginaw Valley State University grants emeritus/emerita status to retiring faculty/administrators who have served the University with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Flatt has given thirty-five years of service to SVSU, having arrived at SVSU on 1 July 1977, to join the faculty in the Department of Nursing at the rank of instructor, and receiving the rank of full professor (1993) and spending over three decades until her retirement in 2012 dedicated to serving the university as Coordinator of the RN to BSN Program, Coordinator of the MSN Program, Chair of the Department of Nursing, and Assistant Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (2003-2008); and

WHEREAS, within her tenure, Dr. Flatt remained dedicated to curricular development and implementation throughout her service at SVSU, including, co-development and implementation of the first Community Health Nursing courses and the new degree programs in Health Science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flatt has been committed to serving the community through various leadership positions in major professional nursing organizations at the regional, state, and national levels, including serving on the Midland County Board of Health (1987-1992); and

WHEREAS, she has utilized her professional experiences to aid student learning and community outreach, such as, utilizing her experiences as a Vietnam Veteran to offer insight into the role of Nursing in the military and conducting research projects related to families and caregivers of the chronically ill, especially Alzheimer's and Dementia patients, regularly involving graduate students completing their capstone requirement for the graduate degree; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flatt was awarded the Michigan Nurses Hall of Fame, Contemporary Award (2005) for her a lasting contribution to patient care and the nursing profession in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, her preparation of the Self-Study Report was vital to Nursing's successful renewal of accreditation with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (2005); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flatt prepared and secured a Health Resources and Services Administration grant focusing on diversity (2007) and provided the leadership for its implementation; and

WHEREAS, she has remained a dedicated and knowledgeable professional whose focus was always on what was best for the students, for nursing, for the community, and for health care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dr. Margaret Flatt be recognized as Professor Emerita.

Jeff Martin, Chair
Saginaw Valley State University
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