RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITUS STATUS TO DR. BERNER J. GORDEN

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Berner J. Gorden joined the faculty of Saginaw Valley State University in 1967 and was Professor of Chemistry until his retirement in June 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gorden is highly regarded by his colleagues and students for his high standards and dedication to teaching; from 1967 to 2003 he taught numerous Chemistry courses and was responsible for developing six new courses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gorden published professional articles, attended many professional conferences, and presented numerous papers. He received several grants for his research in Chemistry and has maintained professional affiliations with the American Chemical Society, the American Institute of Chemists, the Michigan Association of College Chemistry Teachers, among other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gorden was a founding member of SVSU's Chemistry Department, serving as its first chair, writing the department's first curriculum, and procuring all the initial equipment and instrumentation. He continued to serve throughout his distinguished career on University and departmental committees and involved himself in student life through the Science Open House and as coach to the varsity bowling team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University gratefully acknowledges Dr. Gorden's exemplary service and dedication to the University and bestows upon him the title of "Professor Emeritus" with all the rights and privileges appertaining to this distinction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be framed and presented to Dr. Berner J. Gorden as a permanent expression of the University's appreciation.

Jerome L. Yantz, Chair
Saginaw Valley State University
Board of Control

Eric R. Gilbertson, President
Saginaw Valley State University

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