RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITUS STATUS
TO MAHENDRA S. KANTHI, 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. Mahendra Kanthi has given twenty eight years of service to SVSU, having arrived at SVSU on 1 July 1984, to join the faculty of the Department of Economics at the rank of Associate Professor, and receiving the rank of full Professor in 1989, and spending the following decade dedicated to serving the university by bringing his considerable global experience with the United Nations and his extensive and first-hand understanding of international economics and politics; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kanthi was active with the SVSU economics club and used his professional contacts to arrange for diplomats and corporate leaders to meet with students or to offer public lectures that benefitted the campus and community, and was also instrumental in establishing mutually beneficial relationships between SVSU and educational institutions within India, dating back to an initial Memorandum of Understanding completed in 1992-1993, and over the years and as a faculty member, he hosted official visits by SVSU to sister universities in Karnataka and coordinated and facilitated return visits by Indian educators to SVSU; and

WHEREAS, He was instrumental in 2008 when a Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding between SVSU, Carrollton Public Schools, and the Kittur Rani Channamma Residential School and PU College for Girls was signed, leading subsequently to several cultural and educational exchanges for teachers and high school students from Kittur and to reciprocal visits for faculty and students from SVSU; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kanthi is highly respected by his colleagues for his dedication to other activities which have strengthened educational and cultural relationships at SVSU, including the dedication of the Kittur Rani Channamma Friendship Room at SVSU in 2008 and a similar dedication of the Lincoln House of Friendship and the SVSU House of Friendship at Kittur the following year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kanthi has provided exemplary and unique service to the University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dr. Mahendra S. Kanthi be recognized as Professor Emeritus.

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David Abbs, Chair
Saginaw Valley State University
Board of Control

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Eric R. Gilbertson, President
Saginaw Valley State University

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