SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY.

RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERITUS STATUS
TO THOMAS RENNA, 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. Thomas Renna has given over forty years of service to SVSU, having arrived at SVSU on 1 July 1970, to join the faculty in the Department of History at the rank of assistant professor, and receiving the rank of full professor in 1979 and spending the following three decades dedicated to serving the university by serving as the History Department Chair, faculty representative on the Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee and has played a central role in the academic history of SVSU as the founder of the SVSU History Club, the History Day competition, and the SVSU Honors Program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Renna has amassed a truly astounding level of productivity, including publishing four books in the field of medieval intellectual and cultural history, authoring 125 articles in academic journals and 160 book reviews, and presenting 140 papers at conferences around the world; and

WHEREAS, his peers recognize Dr. Renna as a leading figure in the field of medieval politics, monastic studies, and church affairs and his record of scholarship has been recognized by SVSU in the form of the SVSU Faculty Recognition Award for Scholarship (1986), the Earl Warrick Award for Scholarship (1986), and his delivering of the university's prestigious Rush Lecture in 1999 and 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Renna is deeply committed to making his research and knowledge available to the larger community by making regular visits to schools, churches, and social organizations in the Tri-City area, whereby he received the Terry Ishihara Co-Curricular Involvement Award (2000) and the House Family Award for Teacher Impact (1993) for his service to the university and the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Renna has achieved a superlative record in the classroom as his deep knowledge of his subject, passion for imparting that knowledge to others, and his insistence on a demanding high standards of student achievement places him in the very highest ranks of SVSU faculty, earning him the Landee Award for Teaching Excellence (1983) as well as being an inspiration to younger faculty members who share his belief in the importance of the teacher-scholar model of academic life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dr. Thomas Renna be recognized as Professor Emeritus.

David Abbs, Chair
Saginaw Valley State University
Board of Control

Eric R. Gilbertson, President
Saginaw Valley State University

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