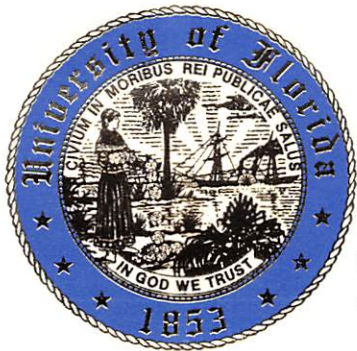


# UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION



**WHEREAS**, David M. Thomas honorably served as a member of the University of Florida Board of Trustees from February 2013 to January 2018, including serving as vice chair from July 2014 to June 2016.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas also served as co-chair of the Strategic Initiatives Committee from January 2014 to June 2014, chair of the Governance Committee from July 2014 to February 2015, chair of the Educational Policy Committee from February 2015 to June 2016, and chair of the Audit and Operations Review Committee from March 2016 to June 2016.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas initiated and directed a Governance Initiative through its many complexities to ensure policies and quality controls to safeguard resources to best serve and support the institution's mission and priorities, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas served on a number of additional UF boards including Gator Boosters and the Presidential Search Committee that in October 2014 selected Dr. W. Kent Fuchs as the 12<sup>th</sup> president of the University of Florida, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas brought to the Board energy, business expertise and strong strategic leadership that fostered cohesion and consensus and respect for a diversity of opinion that advanced our university, and,


**WHEREAS**, in addition to this impressive record of service, the Thomas family started their philanthropic relationship with the university in 1986 and has contributed financial support to the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, the Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars, the President's Council and the Thomas Family Endowment for athletics, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Thomas has been dedicated to the University of Florida for decades during his time as an undergraduate and graduate student, student athlete, Distinguished Graduate Award recipient and Board of Trustees member, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Board of Trustees at its regular meeting this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, does hereby recognize and commend David M. Thomas for his contributions to the Board of Trustees and the University of Florida, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be included in the minutes of this meeting, and a copy be presented to David M. Thomas as a token of the Board's appreciation and admiration.

  
James W. Heavener, Chair

  
W. Kent Fuchs, President and Corporate Secretary