

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Michael Lauzardo, M.D., M.Sc., together with the expert multidisciplinary team leading the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect initiative, has helped to shepherd the campus community as safely as possible through the historic COVID-19 pandemic, collaborating closely with University of Florida colleagues and the Florida Department of Health in Alachua County to screen, test and vaccinate tens of thousands of people, and enabling the university's educational and research missions to continue to flourish despite the challenges of this unprecedented time, and

WHEREAS, these heroes have mobilized hundreds of volunteers who worked together to vaccinate more than 61,000 individuals — including 20,000 in a single week at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium — and have built strong relationships with a broad array of community leaders as well as UF students, faculty, staff, parents and area residents, patiently providing information about COVID-19 and vaccination in laymen's terms, addressing fears and misconceptions, and seeking to eliminate health disparities and inequities, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lauzardo, a board-certified pulmonologist and internist, an expert in infectious disease and a trusted University of Florida leader, has worked humbly and tirelessly to improve the public good since he graduated from the UF College of Medicine in 1991, completed his fellowship in pulmonary medicine in 1997, and began teaching at the university, eventually rising to roles as deputy director of UF's Emerging Pathogens Institute and associate professor in the college's division of infectious diseases and global medicine, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Lauzardo contributes to the greater good in innumerable other ways, directing Florida's Tuberculosis Physicians Network as well as the Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center, overseeing UF's Haiti Public Health Research Laboratory, conducting critical research, contributing to the scientific literature as a published author and as an academic editor, and holding leadership roles in his professional field, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Florida Board of Trustees at its regular meeting this 10th day of June 2021, does hereby recognize and commend Dr. Michael Lauzardo and his team for their contributions to the University of Florida and the Board of Trustees as respected thought leaders and guardians of public and population health who helped guide the university through some of its most challenging times, and

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