



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, David R. Nelson, M.D. is a highly respected physician, researcher, and educator who joined the University of Florida in 1993 as a Gastroenterology Fellow. During his 32-year career at UF, he has held numerous positions, including Professor of Medicine, Medical Director of Liver Transplantation, Director of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, Assistant Vice President for Research, and, most recently, UF Senior Vice President for Health Affairs and President of UF Health; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson ensured the university's research, teaching, patient care, state, and community service missions progressed on their upward trajectory and supported the training of the next generation of health care providers across multiple disciplines; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson successfully led operations for all components of UF Health and positioned it for exceptional growth across its regional campuses in Gainesville, Jacksonville, Central Florida, and St. Johns County, including support of its 6 health colleges, 10 interdisciplinary research centers and institutes, 12 hospitals, and more than 100 physician practices; and

WHEREAS, he helped navigate the acquisition of two additional hospital systems, oversaw the opening of the Normal Fixel Institute for Neurological Diseases and negotiated the acquisition of the premier research facility now known as The Herbert Wertheim UF Scripps Institute for Biomedical Innovation & Technology in Palm Beach County, and, along with UF Health experts, aided UF Health in becoming a member of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Medical Network to provide care for Team USA athletes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson shepherded the university's health system and campus community through the historic COVID-19 pandemic, enabling the university's educational and research missions to continue to flourish despite the challenges during this unprecedented time; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson has been a tireless advocate for state, federal, and philanthropic funding, with National Institutes of Health research dollars growing by more than \$63 million along with a 50% increase in UF Health research awards during his tenure, and steered UF Health to many notable achievements, including National Cancer Institute designation for the UF Health Cancer Center, the creation of a statewide Mobile Stroke Treatment Unit network, and securing significant grant funding for the Clinical and Translational Science Institute; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Florida Board of Trustees at its regular meeting this 13th day of December 2024, does hereby recognize and commend Dr. David R. Nelson for his contributions to the University of Florida and the Board of Trustees as a respected thought leader and guardian of public and population health who has guided the university's academic health center through a period of unparalleled growth; and

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

Morteza "Mori" Hosseini, Chair

W. Kent Fuchs, Interim President and Corporate Secretary