

## ***RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION***

*WHEREAS, President Elizabeth R. Cantwell has dedicated her career to higher education and research and served as Utah State University's 17<sup>th</sup> president since 2023; and*

*WHEREAS, during her tenure, President Cantwell demonstrated leadership and commitment to the advancement of Utah State University; and*

*WHEREAS, under her guidance, Utah State University achieved significant milestones, including:*

- *A record-breaking \$495 million in sponsored research expenditures, solidifying USU's position as a leading research institution.*
- *A 10% increase in student scholarship funding, expanding access to higher education for deserving students.*
- *The groundbreaking of new education buildings and facilities, enhancing the university's physical infrastructure.*
- *The strengthening of academic partnerships with industry leaders, fostering innovation and collaboration.*
- *A strategic reorganization of the Academic Enterprise, optimizing academic programs and operations.*
- *Positioning USU for a key role in the revitalization of the Pac-12 Conference.*
- *The launch of a \$125 million campaign for the Athletics Enterprise.*
- *The development of a comprehensive strategic plan outlining goals and initiatives for the next decade, focusing on student success, research impact, statewide enterprise expansion, operational modernization, and academic program enhancement.*
- *The redesign of the Statewide Enterprise.*
- *The modernization and expansion of university operations to fulfill its R1, public service, and land-grant mission; and*

*WHEREAS, President Cantwell championed the potential of Utah State University and its dedication to intellectual discovery;*

*WHEREAS, President Cantwell reinforced Utah State University's mission as a statewide institution by expanding access to higher education, advancing workforce development programs, and strengthening USU's economic contributions to the state; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Cantwell holds a bachelor's degree in human behavior from the University of Chicago, a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School;*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Utah Board of Higher Education, joined by the Commissioner of Higher Education and his staff, and institution presidents, faculty, staff, and students who have worked with President Elizabeth R. Cantwell, hereby extend expressions of appreciation for her service to the university and wish her the best in her future endeavors as President of Washington State University.*

*Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.*

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Amanda Covington, Chair  
Utah Board of Higher Education



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Geoffrey Landward, Commissioner  
Utah System of Higher Education