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MEMORANDUM

June 20, 2019

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Kristina M. Johnson, Chancellor
Subject: Appointment of H. Carl McCall as Chairman Emeritus

Action Requested

The proposed resolution appoints H. Carl McCall to the title of Chairman Emeritus within the State University of New York.

Resolution

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Honorable H Carl McCall has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York from 2011-2019; and

Whereas Chairman McCall, upon his appointment as Chairman in 2011, became the first African-American Chairman in the history of the State University of New York; and

Whereas Chairman McCall has served in leadership roles in federal, state and local government for a total of more than five decades, including service in the United States Army, as an Ambassador to the United Nations, a New York State Senator, Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Commissioner of the New York State Division of Human Rights, and President of the New York City Board of Education; and

Whereas in 1993, Chairman McCall became the first African-American Comptroller of the State of New York – the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of New York and sole Trustee of the

State's Pension fund – serving in that role from 1993-2002, and winning statewide election twice; and

Whereas Chairman McCall has served in countless roles on public and private commissions and boards; and

Whereas Chairman McCall has devoted his lengthy professional career to public service; and

Whereas Chairman McCall has received a myriad of distinguished awards throughout his career, including ten honorary degrees, The Nelson Rockefeller Distinguished Public Service Award from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the University of Albany, the Hon. Basil A. Paterson Award for his contributions to the Harlem Community, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Leadership Award from SUNY Downstate Medical University, and the EOP/AIM Champion Award, as well as the creation of the H. Carl McCall Award for Promotion of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in his honor by the SUNY Student Assembly, and

Whereas Chairman McCall has served the State University of New York diligently and faithfully for a total of twelve years as a SUNY Trustee; and

Whereas, under Chairman McCall's leadership, the State University of New York has instituted profound and lasting policies, including creation of the first Office of Diversity and Inclusion for the SUNY System and implementation of a system-wide diversity policy, expansion of Educational Opportunity Programs, implementation of the strongest measures in the nation to prevent sexual assault on college campuses, the end of criminal conviction disclosure in SUNY admissions, and implementation of a system-wide initiative to increase the number of underrepresented faculty, and

Whereas Chairman McCall has also overseen adoption of multiple international exchange agreements with the Nations of Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba; and

Whereas, Chairman McCall created the SUNY Impact Foundation, the first Foundation dedicated to serving the needs of SUNY students system-wide, and

Whereas Chairman McCall played an instrumental role in advancing several of the largest construction projects ever

undertaken by State University of New York campuses through the NYSUNY 2020 Challenge Grant Program, transforming the student experience on SUNY campuses; and

Whereas, under Chairman McCall's leadership, SUNY has appointed of 93 College Presidents, Officers in Charge and Deans; and

Whereas Chairman McCall has been an outstanding public servant displaying commitment, passion, and forthrightness and providing sound leadership and guidance to the University; and

Whereas Chairman McCall personifies the best of SUNY and public higher education in this state, and has served as an inspiration to SUNY's leadership, staff, faculty, students, parents and families, and all of SUNY's many stakeholders, and

Whereas Chairman McCall has used his personal experiences to teach and lift those he has led, and to create a vision of inclusivity and diversity for SUNY, and

Whereas Chairman McCall, announced his intention to retire from the Board of Trustees effective June 30, 2019; and

Whereas, his retirement notwithstanding, the State University of New York would draw a significant benefit from the continued involvement of Chairman McCall in activities of the University and counsel to the Board of Trustees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby bestows upon H. Carl McCall the honorary title of "Chairman Emeritus" for his past service and continued partnership with the State University of New York.