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## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR SURESH V. GARIMELLA

WHEREAS, Dr. Suresh V. Garimella has served Purdue University with excellence, dedication and distinction as the inaugural executive vice president for research and partnerships since June 2014; and

WHEREAS, in this role, Dr. Garimella has led Purdue's \$660 million research enterprise, including Discovery Park, the University's international programs and its global and corporate partnerships; and

WHEREAS, he has worked tirelessly to strengthen Purdue's research, education and innovation missions; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Garimella's leadership, Purdue has experienced consecutive record years in research funding, startup creation, licensing and patent awards, and established significant new partnerships around the world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garimella conceived and implemented an ambitious Life Sciences Initiative, establishing two institutes that bring together faculty from dozens of disciplines across our campus to study integrative neuroscience and inflammation, immunology and infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, he partnered with Provost Jay Akridge to initiate the Integrative Data Science Initiative, focused on applying data science research to pressing fundamental and socially relevant issues and preparing students for the rapidly expanding future of a data-driven knowledge economy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garimella's close association with Purdue dates to 1999, when he joined the School of Mechanical Engineering as an associate professor; and

WHEREAS, he served as Purdue's associate vice president for engagement from 2011-2013 and as chief global affairs officer from 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, he is currently the Goodson Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering and is recognized as an expert in several fields, including micro- and nano-scale transport phenomena, thermal management and energy efficiency in electronics systems, and renewable and sustainable energy systems technology and policy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garimella is an accomplished researcher in his own right, having co-authored more than 525 publications and holding 13 patents; and

WHEREAS, he has supervised more than 90 graduate students, 26 of whom are now faculty members at prestigious universities; and

WHEREAS, he continues to direct the Cooling Technologies Research Center, a graduated National Science Foundation Industry/University Cooperative Research Center that he founded in 1999; and

WHEREAS, he has earned a virtually immeasurable list of honors and awards throughout his career at Purdue, including the 2011 Faculty Award of Excellence for Mentoring from the College of Engineering, the 2012 Provost's Award for Outstanding Graduate Mentor and the 2017 Leadership in Open Access Award from Purdue Libraries and the Office of the Provost; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these university awards, he was appointed in 2010 a Jefferson Science Fellow by the U.S. Department of State, elected in 2011 to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, elected in 2017 to the National Academy of Inventors and appointed in 2018 a member of the National Science Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garimella has propelled Purdue's research enterprise into a new era of success; and

WHEREAS, he will step aside as executive vice president for research and partnerships on June 30, 2019, to become the University of Vermont's 27th president;

## BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

- 1. That the trustees recognize the immense positive impact of Dr. Suresh V. Garimella's tenure as executive vice president for research and partnerships on our students, faculty and alumni: and
- 2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Dr. Garimella for his loyalty and service to Purdue University; and
- 3. That Dr. Garimella is to be congratulated and thanked for his tremendous contributions to our University; and
- 4. That Dr. Garimella's many achievements are part of the great, permanent history of Purdue and will never be forgotten; and
- 5. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Trustees as part of the permanent record of the University.

**JUNE 14, 2019** 

Michael R. Berghoff

Chairman

Secretary