



**PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
LAUDING ROBERT L. BARCHI  
FOR HIS REMARKABLE AND TRANSFORMATIVE TENURE AS THE  
20<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT OF RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, Robert L. Barchi rendered visionary and transformative leadership during an eight year tenure as the 20<sup>th</sup> President of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and guided the University on a trajectory that would place Rutgers among the top of all public research institutions, reaching many milestones not seen before in the history of the University; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Barchi joined the University in 2012 during a inflection point for Rutgers, as the institution was on the precipice of one of the largest integrations in the history of higher education, had realized significant capital construction funds through advocacy for a statewide bond referendum, and stood on the doorstep of an athletic conference and academic consortium that would place Rutgers among the very best in the nation—all opportunities that would not have been capitalized on without Dr. Barchi's astute planning and transcendent vision, which materialized in the first strategic plan the University had seen in nearly 20 years;

**WHEREAS**, through that strategic plan grew a 2030 Physical Master Plan, through which Dr. Barchi reconceptualized the traditional Rutgers and oversaw more than \$2.5 billion in capital construction, creating new institutional landmarks that will be forever woven into the fabric of the University, raising the University's academic profile through buildings like the Honors College, and modernizing Rutgers, giving faculty and staff the tools needed to educate the students of today and well into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to modernizing the physical landscape, Dr. Barchi redesigned the antiquated operating systems that touch all areas of the University through the Cornerstone initiative, which improved the way faculty conduct research, staff interact with human resources and conduct business functions, and drastically improved the student experience; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Barchi's unique medical expertise and business acumen enabled him to successfully orchestrate one of the largest integrations in the history of higher education, as he oversaw the integration of Rutgers with the former University of Medicine and Dentistry, guided the formation of the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, and played a pivotal role in the affiliation agreement that RBHS entered into with RWJBarnabas Health to jointly operate New Jersey's largest and most comprehensive academic health system; and

**WHEREAS**, the University is on perhaps its strongest financial footing in recent history under Dr. Barchi's leadership, as annual giving at the University has more than doubled during his tenure, including many record breaking years in fundraising, and the University's endowment is now the 82nd largest endowment among United States universities, a significant increase from its previous position as 102nd; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Barchi exhibited tact and forethought, as he navigated the University's entrance into the Big Ten which placed Rutgers among the very best public research Universities in the country, providing the University's faculty and staff access to resources that would advance research and teaching through the Big Ten Academic Alliance, as well as access to premier athletic competition through the Big Ten Athletic Conference, which the University has successfully competed with, as many Rutgers teams were ranked in national polls throughout his tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, President Robert L. Barchi informed the Board of Governors of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, that he will step down from the position at the end of the 2019-2020 academic year; and

**WHEREAS**, following the Executive Committee's review of President Barchi's impressive accomplishments during his tenure as President, the Committee recommended for approval by the Board of Governors the naming of Robert L. Barchi as President Emeritus.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, approves the naming of Robert L. Barchi as President Emeritus of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, effective July 1, 2020; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the designation of President Emeritus is in honor of Robert L. Barchi's distinguished leadership and service as the 20th President of the University and in appreciation for all he has done to advance Rutgers.

Board of Governors  
Rutgers, The State University  
of New Jersey  
June 16, 2020