WHEREAS, Mark A. Nordenberg has rendered unique and valuable service to the University of Pittsburgh for nearly four decades, he joined our School of Law in 1977 and, as a faculty member, earned an outstanding reputation as a committed and excellent teacher; was awarded tenure in 1980, and was promoted to the rank of full professor in 1985; he was appointed to serve as Acting Dean of the School; and in 1987, following a national search, Professor Nordenberg was named Dean, a position he held until 1993; and

WHEREAS, Mark Nordenberg’s clear vision, strong leadership, and sound management skills saw the School earn recognition as one of the finest in the country in both teaching and scholarship, while leading the School of Law, Dean Nordenberg served on numerous committees and shouldered a number of broader institutional responsibilities, all of which served to underscore his commitment to the entire University and to our home community; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many accomplishments and contributions to the School of Law, in June of 1994, Mark Nordenberg was named Distinguished Service Professor of Law; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1993, Dean Nordenberg was appointed to serve as Interim Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, a position he held until June 30, 1994; under his leadership, the University initiated a long-range planning effort and an institution-wide program providing for the periodic review of academic, administrative, and financial affairs; and

WHEREAS, in June of 1995, this Board elected Professor Nordenberg to serve as Interim Chancellor; and, on June 20, 1996, after an extensive national search, this Board elected Mark A. Nordenberg to serve as Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer of the University in recognition of his “talent and distinguished achievements in teaching, scholarship, and administration in higher education”, and

WHEREAS, over the course of the past 19 years, Chancellor Nordenberg has served as a “responsible institutional steward” determined to ensure that, in the years to come, those who would follow would look back with admiration at this period and conclude that it was one of the finest chapters in the long and proud history of the University; and

WHEREAS, working with this Board, Chancellor Nordenberg implemented a framework for institutional growth crafted around a series of position statements that would chart a course that would set the University on a path of unparalleled progress that saw Pitt earn a reputation as a world-class public research university; since 1995, applications for admission to Pitt have soared; students, faculty, staff, and alumni have crafted enviable records of accomplishment; and Pitt has expanded its international presence through centers and programs beyond the borders of our campus and the shores of our country; and

WHEREAS, as the 17th Chancellor of the University, Mark Nordenberg worked to instill our institution with a spirit of camaraderie; promoted a culture of civility; and stressed the importance of partnerships within the University, with other institutions of higher education, and with outside organizations; those partnerships played an important role in the advancement of our region as Pitt became a primary driver in Southwestern Pennsylvania’s transition to a new economy grounded in education, medicine, and research; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg has ensured that the University will have the resources necessary to continue its dramatic upward trajectory through careful financial stewardship that has seen our net assets quadruple to $3.8 billion and our endowment increase from $463 million to more than $5 billion; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg sat at the helm as the University embarked on a historic capital campaign that saw more than 188,000 supporters donate more than $2 billion to the University, helping the young schoolchildren who donated a dime each to build the Cathedral of Learning in the 1920s, those dollars will save as the building blocks for a brighter future at Pitt moves forward into its third century; and

WHEREAS, Mark A. Nordenberg has earned the admiration, affection, and respect of the members of the Board of Trustees—as well as Pitt’s administration, faculty, staff, students, and alumni and the broader community—for his integrity, dedication, loyalty, and devoted service to the University; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Trustees do hereby express their sincere appreciation and profound gratitude to Mark A. Nordenberg for his outstanding leadership and exceptional contributions to the extraordinary progress of the University of Pittsburgh; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, as a visible sign of its respect and appreciation for his distinguished service as Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer, the Board of Trustees bestows upon Mark A. Nordenberg the title of Chancellor Emeritus, effective on the date of his official departure from the Office of the Chancellor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Trustees do hereby express their sincere appreciation and profound gratitude to Mark A. Nordenberg for his outstanding leadership and exceptional contributions to the extraordinary progress of the University of Pittsburgh; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be made a permanent part of the University’s records and that it be suitably inscribed and presented to Mark A. Nordenberg as a symbol of gratitude for the leadership that he has provided and the high regard in which he is held by his many friends and colleagues at the University of Pittsburgh.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held June 20, 2014.