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University of West Florida Board of Trustees

A resolution in support of the New Florida Initiative

WHEREAS the University of West Florida Board of Trustees joins with the Board of Governors and the Florida, State University System in calling upon Florida leadership to adopt the New Florida Plan as a means of transforming Florida to a knowledge based economy;

WHEREAS a knowledge based economy is inextricably linked to a robust and vibrant university system and because our economic prosperities and vitality are at risk; we call on state leaders to make significant recurring investments in the New Florida plan;

WHEREAS collaborative efforts, such as the New Florida Plan, among universities, business leaders, and state and federal government will result in a stabilized economy with positive impact on Florida's economy;

WHEREAS we believe the New Florida Initiative is an opportunity to make a lasting investment to enable the university system to meet the needs of Florida's new economy and to stabilize our future by providing consistency and focus on our public universities whose mission is to prepare the future work force for our economy and beyond;

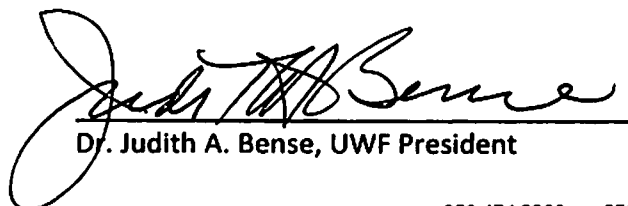
WHEREAS members support increasing the number of bachelor's degrees by 25,000 by 2015 which stimulate high-wage jobs in science, technology, engineering and math, and further the training and preparation of Florida's knowledge based workforce;

WHEREAS the New Florida plan promises additional significant outcomes such as bringing in 2,500 new faculty, and \$500 million annually in research funding; 100 new patents per year; increased graduation and retention rates; medical breakthroughs; significant new startup businesses; and \$20 million in new licensing revenue throughout the state of Florida;

BE IT RESOLVED that the University of West Florida Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on the 5th day of March 2010, do hereby support the New Florida Initiative;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that this resolution shall be included in the minutes of this meeting and a copy provided to the Florida Board of Governors, Office of the Governor for the State of Florida, The Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and the President of the Florida Senate in support of the New Florida Plan.


K.C. Clark, Chair, UWF Board of Trustees


Dr. Judith A. Bense, UWF President