



**RESOLUTION HONORING
FACULTY, STAFF, AND LEADERSHIP TEAMS AT THE
30 COLLEGES, 7 UNIVERSITIES, AND THE SYSTEM OFFICE OF MINNESOTA STATE
April 22, 2020**

WHEREAS, Minnesota State leadership, staff, faculty, and students have been challenged in providing a path for students to continue their educational journey.

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 faculty, staff, and system and campus leadership began developing academic continuity plans for the spring semester so our students could successfully complete the term.

WHEREAS, faculty, staff, and Minnesota State leadership have worked tirelessly together to help one another learn online platforms, share ideas, and build new disciplinary networks.

WHEREAS, staff, faculty, and Minnesota State leadership have discovered new and creative ways to continue to deliver support and critical services to our 350,000 students.

WHEREAS, faculty, staff and Minnesota State leadership demonstrated their passion for students, their creativity, ingenuity, and commitment to delivering vibrant, relevant, and extraordinary education by moving 20,000 classes from face-to-face instruction to alternative modes of delivery, resulting in 95.6% of classes poised to complete the spring 2020 semester.

WHEREAS, Chancellor Malhotra, along with college and university presidents, in partnership with their leadership teams, have led their campuses through unprecedented change as the COVID-19 crisis evolved.

WHEREAS, the leadership of AFSCME, IFO, MAPE, MMA, MSCF, and MSUAASF, LeadMN, and Students United have been critical partners to support our students, faculty, and staff.

WHEREAS, all of the members of Minnesota State team fully recognize the challenges that lie ahead for our students and the communities we serve.

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State community will continue to be a resilient bunch as they continue to respond to the challenges ahead.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MINNESOTA STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES on this day, April 22, 2020, commend the exceptional work and offer full support to the faculty, staff, and leadership teams at the 30 colleges, 7 universities, and the system office of Minnesota State, whose innovation, creativity, resilience, and passion for the success of all learners will impact our approach to providing extraordinary education to all Minnesotans.

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