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**Office of the President**

**TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS:**

**ACTION ITEM**

***For Meeting of January 25, 2018***

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ON THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Regent Kieffer recommends to the Regents that the following resolution celebrating the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the University of California be adopted:

WHEREAS, in 1862 Congress enacted the Morril Act which offered a grant of public lands to each state that would establish a college teaching agriculture and the mechanic arts; and

WHEREAS, California enacted the Organic Act in 1868 which established the University of California and entrusted its organization and government to a corporate body, the Regents of the University of California; and

WHEREAS, the University opened its doors in Oakland, California, in 1869 with an inaugural class of 40 students and ten faculty members, and has grown over the last 150 years to include ten campuses: UCSF, founded in 1864; UC Berkeley, founded in 1868; UC Davis, founded in 1908; UCLA, founded in 1919; UC Santa Barbara, founded in 1944; UC Riverside, founded in 1954; UC San Diego, founded in 1960; UC Santa Cruz, founded in 1965; UC Irvine, founded in 1965; and UC Merced, founded in 2005; and together these campuses educate more than 264,000 students, employ more than 21,000 faculty, and have graduated more than 1.8 million living alumni; and

WHEREAS, the University has also grown to include five top-ranked medical centers, three affiliated National Laboratories, and a state-wide Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources that reaches every county in California; and

WHEREAS, through its commitment to diversity and access to all qualified California students, the University currently enrolls more resident undergraduates than at any point in its history, and serves as a training ground for today's students to become the future leaders of the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the University's faculty is internationally renowned for its scholarly and scientific achievements, and the leadership of the Systemwide Academic Senate and the ten Divisional

Senates has helped maintain the prestige of the University and the quality of a UC education during political, social, and technological changes over the decades; and

WHEREAS, the University received its first Nobel Prize in 1936 when E. O. Lawrence was recognized for his invention of the cyclotron, and today 61 of UC's distinguished faculty members are Nobel prize winners; and

WHEREAS, the University's faculty and alumni include two U.S. Poet Laureates, dozens of MacArthur "Genius" grant winners, Pulitzer Prize winners, prominent policy makers, and countless entrepreneurs and industry leaders; and

WHEREAS, the University of California established the fields of nuclear physics and biotechnology, revolutionized agriculture, and helped the movie industry mature, all of which are now multi-billion-dollar industries, and the University, through its faculty and alumni, continues to drive technological innovation and actively partner with private industry; and

WHEREAS, the University continues to address the world's most pressing issues, such as sustainability and climate change, and continues to lead these efforts with green building practices, use of alternative energy, water conservation, a concerted effort to reduce waste, and other operational and research efforts; and

WHEREAS, each year, the faculty teach and conduct research; the faculty, staff and students engage in critical public service projects in their local communities and beyond; the agricultural specialists advise farmers and seek to bring forth the best from California's land; the health science practitioners help Californians live healthier, longer lives; and the many others within the University community have a substantial impact on the lives of everyone they reach;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents celebrates 150 years of achievements and contributions that have provided invaluable benefits for California's economy and Californians' quality of life, and ensure that the University of California's mission continues to be to provide exceptional teaching, research, and public service to the State of California.