

Thomas J. Haas

The Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees today honors Thomas J. Haas for his leadership and service as the fourth president of Grand Valley State University.

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Haas began his tenure at Grand Valley State University in July 2006; and

WHEREAS, he has completed his tenth academic year as president of Grand Valley State University; and

WHEREAS, President Haas, a loyal Laker, represents the university with passion, honor, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, his steady leadership and careful financial management enabled the university to successfully navigate the most serious recession in decades without reducing employment; and

WHEREAS, even during periods of financial challenge, enrollment grew and facilities were added and improved upon, most notably the Robert B. Annis Water Resources Institute Field Station, Detroit Center, James H. Zumberge Hall, L. William Seidman Center, Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons, P. Douglas Kindschi Hall of Science, and The Marketplace, all of which are testaments to his planning skills; and

WHEREAS, his special camaraderie with students inspires and sustains the campus community; and

WHEREAS, his expertise in intercollegiate athletics is important to the success of the university's student athletes and to the National Collegiate Athletic Association of which he chaired the Division II Presidents Council; and

WHEREAS, his interaction with alumni around the nation at Power of 10 events have been especially noteworthy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, at their meeting on Friday, July 15, 2016, hereby commends and congratulates President Thomas J. Haas on this important milestone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to him as evidence of the appreciation, gratitude, and respect of the Trustees.

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