

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Jack Payne has been a trusted leader at the University of Florida since 2010, serving as Senior Vice President for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), whose state-wide presence includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the School of Natural Resources and Environment, the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, the Florida Cooperative Extension Service with offices in each of the state's 67 counties, and shares the College of Veterinary Medicine with UF Health, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Payne has been a passionate champion for agricultural research, leading UF/IFAS to bring in a record \$166 million in annual research grants and \$23 million in private donations and pledges, and led the initiative to start a global food systems institute to make UF an international leader in food security issues, and led the efforts to focus on saving the citrus industry, honeybees, and other threatened Florida commodities; creating alternative crops like hemp and hops; and enhancing the conservation and sustainability of natural resources throughout the Nature Coast and all of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Payne has served on and with a variety of Boards including as chair of the Policy Board of Directors of the Board on Agriculture Assembly for the Association of Public & Land-grant Universities, and was a key representative on policy changes with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as they apply to land-grant universities, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Payne, having received a master's degree in aquatic ecology and a doctorate in wildlife ecology, and with decades of leadership experience, has continued to guide UF/IFAS to ensure awareness and education in agriculture and natural resources industries, and provide leadership and education to faculty, staff, and students at UF, and

WHEREAS, with his strategic direction, Dr. Payne helped address stakeholder needs, expand the University's global vision and focus on fostering healthy people, healthy environments and healthy economies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Florida Board of Trustees at its regular meeting this 5th day of June 2020, does hereby recognize and commend Senior Vice President Jack Payne for his contributions to the University of Florida and Board of Trustees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be included in the minutes of this meeting, and a copy be presented to Jack Payne as a token of the Board's appreciation and admiration.

Morteza Hosseini, Chair

W. Kent Fuchs, President and Corporate Secretary