

## UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mark E. Kaplan has been a trusted leader at the University of Florida since 2018, serving as Vice President for Government and Community Relations, as well as Secretary of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kaplan's in-depth government and community relations expertise in the public and private sectors at the local, state and federal levels helped the University of Florida achieve unprecedented successes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kaplan engaged policymakers and stakeholders to create an environment for UF to earn sustained recognition as one of the nation's best universities, top healthcare systems, and most impactful agricultural research and extension enterprises; and

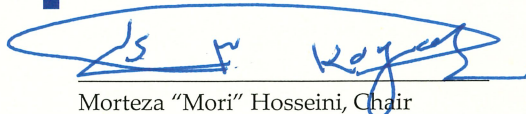
WHEREAS, Mr. Kaplan's leadership and lobbying efforts helped champion the University's rise through supportive public policy, resources and focus on UF's goals with strong collaboration with peer institutions, university associations and organizations focused on advancing higher education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kaplan has served on a variety of boards, including the UF Development Corporation and Innovation Square, LLC, the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, various work teams within the university, including the Radical Financial Transparency Steering Committee, as well as external government relations workgroups for the State University System of Florida, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, Association of American Universities, and Southeastern Conference; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kaplan received his undergraduate degree in political science with honors from the University of Florida; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Florida Board of Trustees at its regular meeting this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, does hereby recognize and commend Mr. Mark E. Kaplan for his contributions to the University of Florida and Board of Trustee; and

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

  
Morteza "Mori" Hosseini, Chair

  
W. Kent Fuchs, Interim President and Corporate Secretary