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Date: April 3, 2024

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Scott Whittenburg, Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship

RE: Designation of Signature Authority

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Scott Whittenburg

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This document revokes and replaces the Designation of Signature Authority dated May 15, 2023.

The President of the University of Montana designates the Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship as the “authorized institutional official” with signature authority per 2 CFR 200.415 on all documents conveying external funding to the University.

Per University of Montana Policy #200: Signature/Delegation of Authority, as Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship, I authorize Nicole Thompson, Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs, as my designee for such signature authority per 2 CFR 200.415. It is appropriate, therefore, that such documents be so prepared and addressed. Nicole Thompson is also designated as the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) for all matters pertaining to Sponsored Programs functions. Moreover, at the discretion of Nicole Thompson, individuals in the Office of Sponsored Programs have authority to submit electronic proposals and sign required financial, equipment, and patent reports.

An additional designee per 2 CFR 200.415 is Julie Rogers, Director of Budgets and Operations.

I delegate Zach Scott, Associate Vice President, and Claudia Eccles, Assistant Vice President, each of the Office for Research Compliance and Technology Transfer, authority to sign material transfer, research collaboration, non-disclosure and confidentiality, facility and equipment use, data use/sharing/transfer, and intellectual property licensing (option and license) agreements, patent and trademark prosecution documents (including assignments and powers of attorney), research memoranda of understanding, customs brokerage agreement (including powers of attorney and bond agreements), and all other agreements, correspondence, licenses, or certifications related to the research compliance, technology transfer, export control, and HIPAA privacy programs at the university.

Julie Rogers and Nicole Thompson are also authorized to sign in my stead for all hiring and personnel transactions that are paid from grant accounts, or any research accounts.

This delegation shall remain in effect until revoked by me or my successor.