



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AN HONORARY DEGREE BE AWARDED
TO MICHAEL A. PETERSON**

WHEREAS, Policy 3356.10.5 pertaining to the award of honorary degrees and commencement speakers indicates that the board may choose to award an honorary degree to a trustee whose service has been exceptional and serves a full term as appointed by the governor;

WHEREAS, Michael A. Peterson was appointed to the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees by Governor John Kasich, for a term beginning February 8, 2018 and ending April 30, 2025;

WHEREAS, Trustee Peterson has fulfilled all obligations in an exceptional fashion, and has served as a trustee for the full term as appointed by the governor;

WHEREAS, Trustee Peterson was elected chairperson of the Board, serving two consecutive terms between June, 2023 and March, 2025, having also served as the chair or vice chair of the finance and facilities and institutional engagement committees, as well as the audit subcommittee;

WHEREAS, during Trustee Peterson's service as chair, the Board of Trustees conducted a national search culminating in the appointment of William (Bill) L. Johnson as the tenth president of Youngstown State University;

WHEREAS, while serving as trustee, he was also significantly involved in the study, analysis, and consultations ultimately resulting in the institutional decision to renovate the student center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that for Trustee Peterson's exceptional service to Youngtown State University, the Board of Trustees desires to recognize Trustee Peterson's conscientiousness and heart-felt dedication with the award of a doctoral degree in business, honoris causa;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such recognition shall be formally bestowed upon Trustee Peterson at a future meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**Board of Trustees Meeting
March 13, 2025
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