



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AN HONORARY DEGREE BE AWARDED TO  
LAURA A. LYDEN**

**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**, Laura A. Lyden was appointed to the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees by Governor Michael DeWine, for a term beginning March 25, 2022, and ending April 30, 2026;

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Lyden 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 Lyden served as the chair or vice chair of the Finance and Facilities, Workforce Education and Innovation, Academic Excellence and Student Success and Investment committees;

**WHEREAS**, she was significantly involved in discussions related to student prospect's interests in YSU's programs of study, considering opportunities for employment and career success, as well as competition for students, that led to the evolution of the institution's academic portfolio;

**WHEREAS**, the academic portfolio strategy and the evolving enrollment strategy align with the *Plan for Strategic Actions to Take Charge of Our Future*;

**WHEREAS**, she and her family's commitment to the community have contributed to the creation of the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program;

**WHEREAS**, she has provided guidance in the evolution of the Workforce Education and Innovation initiative that has garnered significant support via various cycles of state of Ohio RAPIDS funding that has created unique career opportunities aligned with the workforce needs of the region;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that for Trustee Lyden's exceptional service to Youngstown State University, the Board of Trustees desires to recognize Trustee Lyden's conscientiousness and heart-felt dedication with the award of an Honorary degree;

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