

MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION

KAREN TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Karen began her career in 1974, working for the Michigan Department of Education as a steno-clerk, and in 1976 was promoted to Secretary to the Supervisor of the Teacher Certification Office; and

WHEREAS, after a leave of absence from state employment in 1978 to hike the Appalachian Trail, Karen returned to the MDE in 1979 to her previous position as Secretary to the Supervisor of the Teacher Certification Office and in 1985 Karen was promoted to the position of Secretary to the Director of the Office of Teacher Preparation and Certification; and

WHEREAS, Karen was promoted to the position of Secretary to the Associate Superintendent for Postsecondary Education in August 1986; and in 1989 Karen was promoted to the position of Departmental Trainee in the Office of Teacher/Administrator Preparation and Certification Services; and

WHEREAS, Karen was promoted to Departmental Analyst 11 in 1991 and promoted again in 2001 to Departmental Analyst 12 in the office of Professional Preparation Services where she assists school districts with substitute teacher permits; and

WHEREAS, Karen's many years of service in the Department of Education and her vast knowledge of the educator licensing system as well as the Rules Governing Teacher Certification in Michigan has led to Karen being called upon as the key member of staff in the implementation of the Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS), a state-of-the-art database that will automate many of the processes that are currently done manually by staff in the Office of Professional Preparation Services, and will also allow educators to apply for and receive their certificates in a much more timely and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, Karen wrote all the business rules for the MOECS and reviewed and approved all the use cases that were used to develop and design MOECS; and Karen works with the contractors on a daily basis to provide clarification on certification processes and to answer any questions they may have; and

WHEREAS, Karen feels her work on the MOECS is one of her most important accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Karen has announced her retirement on January 1, 2011; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education receives with deep regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this honored and distinguished employee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to this exceptional individual; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That in addition to its respect and gratitude, the State Board of Education extends to Karen its highest regard, and its best wishes for the future.