

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION

JOHN C. AUSTIN

WHEREAS, John C. Austin was elected to the State Board of Education in November 2000 for an eight-year term from January 1, 2001 - January 1, 2009; and subsequently was re-elected for a second eight-year term from January 1, 2009 – January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, John earned a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and a Bachelor of Arts from Swarthmore College in Economics and Political Science; and

WHEREAS, John is currently serving his third term as President of the State Board of Education, and previously served as Vice President and Treasurer, as elected by his peers; and

WHEREAS, John serves as a Gubernatorial appointee to the 21st Century Education Commission, and previously was a Gubernatorial appointee to the Education Commission of the States and Midwestern Higher Education Compact; and

WHEREAS, John is the Director of the Michigan Economic Center, is a non-Resident Senior Fellow with the Brookings Institution, and a Lecturer on the Economy at the University of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, John previously held the position of Executive Director of the New Economy Initiative for Southeast Michigan; and

WHEREAS, John was Policy Director for the Lieutenant Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth and the Michigan Postsecondary Credential Attainment Workgroup; and

WHEREAS, John co-chaired the State Board of Education’s Ensuring Excellent Educators Task Force ensuring teacher quality, preparation and professional development; and

WHEREAS, John is known for his passion for education, his dedication toward the goal of increasing postsecondary degrees and credentials, and his belief that Michigan should be a welcoming state where all people are valued and treated with respect; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to John C. Austin its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise he has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents, and the millions of Michigan citizens whose lives have been enhanced through his efforts; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that John C. Austin continues to enjoy many rewarding experiences with family, friends and colleagues.

Brian J. Whiston, Chairman and
State Superintendent