

Approved by the Board of Trustees
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RESOLUTION ENDORSING UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS INVESTMENT,
PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITMENT

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois is the State's flagship system for higher education and health care; one of Illinois' most vital assets; and an investment by the State and its People for nearly one hundred fifty years; and

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois' missions are to educate, conduct cutting-edge research, provide public service, and stimulate economic development; and to do so with excellence and broad scale at local, state, national, and global levels; and

WHEREAS, the member universities in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, and Springfield, and regional campuses in the Quad Cities, Peoria, and Rockford have a combined total enrollment of 81,499 students and annually award 20,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees, which represent lifetime credentials of educational excellence; and

WHEREAS, the System's vast research portfolio ranks among the largest and most innovative in the world; and University of Illinois students and faculty are among the best and the brightest; and

WHEREAS, University of Illinois health science colleges have for generations trained the health care providers of the future, and the University's hospital

and community health clinics provide care to residents of underserved neighborhoods and rural counties; and

WHEREAS, the footprint of the University of Illinois reaches statewide and into all 102 counties in Illinois, and the University is a powerful economic engine for the State, pumping \$14 billion annually into the State's economy and supporting 177,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, to preserve and advance the preeminence of the University of Illinois and to fulfill its multiple missions with excellence – particularly accessible, affordable, high-quality education for its students – the State must provide a responsible, adequate, and reliable level of fiscal support to the University of Illinois and all State public universities; and

WHEREAS, the University has undertaken aggressive initiatives to reduce and reprioritize spending to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of academic and administrative functions, including the creation of a compact agreement that will allow the University and State to provide a solid working framework for the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois endorses and urges the immediate adoption of the proposed *University of Illinois Investment, Performance and Accountability Commitment (IPAC)*, which will provide a framework for the University and State of Illinois to move forward in an established, accountable process that ensures continued support of academic excellence as well as effective, efficient and transparent operations, and is built on trusted and honored foundational obligations of each partner.
2. THAT this Resolution hereby signed by the Board of Trustees, shall be forwarded to the Governor and Leaders of the General Assembly.

