WHEREAS, The Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System is proud to recognize and honor the health care workforce and medical professionals for their dedication and service to the communities and surrounding areas throughout the state and region during the coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization declared a global pandemic on March 11, 2020, our front line health care workforce has tirelessly gone above and beyond to serve our communities and citizens in need during an unprecedented time in the history of our country with the devastation experienced due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, our health care professionals have greatly sacrificed for the betterment of our citizens, consistently working 12-14 hour shifts, with some having not received a day off since March; and

WHEREAS, Our hospitals have experienced surges of COVID-19 cases, at times with zero hospital bed capacity, and limited providers while still operating with high efficiency to serve our neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, Our local communities have relied heavily on our health care systems, each stretched beyond its limits, but continue to rise above expectations and provide our communities with world-class health care services; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents offers expressions of profound gratitude for such dedication, service, and passion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System on this date, December 10, 2020, do hereby extend its heartfelt appreciation to the health care workforce and medical professionals, particularly at our component institutions, for the expertise, sacrifice and relentless dedication; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be prepared for the leadership at our institutions of the TTU System to share as an expression of high regard from the Board of Regents.

Christopher M. Huckabee – Chairman
J. Michael Lewis – Vice Chairman
Mark Griffin – Member
Ron Hammonds – Member
Ginger Kerrick – Member

Mickey L. Long – Member
John Steinmetz – Member
John Walker – Member
Dusty Womble – Member
Brooke Walterscheid – Student Regent

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Board of Regents on December 10, 2020.

Secretary, Board of Regents