

**AN HONORARY RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND
HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, RECOGNIZING VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC
AFFAIRS AND PROVOST DOCTOR GAIL WELLS FOR HER SERVICE TO
NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY.**

WHEREAS: Dr. Wells has served the University from 1981 to the present, and

WHEREAS: Dr. Wells has held the positions of professor, Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost during her tenure, and

WHEREAS: Dr. Wells has been honored with numerous awards which have brought great distinction to herself and the University. Among the most notable are:

- 2010 National William M. Plater Award for Leadership in Civic Engagement, an annual award that is only bestowed upon one Provost in the country.
- 2010 YWCA of Greater Cincinnati's Career Woman of Achievement
- 2011 Visionary Award from the Best of Kentucky Technology Awards, sponsored by the Commonwealth Office of Technology. This award is given to "a government manager or official who has demonstrated vision, leadership, and support of technology initiatives."
- 2012 Hall of Distinguished Alumni at Eastern Kentucky University, and

WHEREAS: Through these awards she was recognized for, "revising the university's general education to include civic engagement, creating what has become a national model in the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement, creating a 16-credit academic certificate in civic leadership, creating the Mayerson Student Philanthropy Project, hosting Kentucky Campus Compact, and launching an Honors Fellows program to support student research projects that benefit community," according to a NKU press release, and

WHEREAS: She has also been recognized for her "leadership across the full breadth of NKU's academic mission, including curriculum, instruction, research and scholarly activity, public engagement, information technology and library services." according to the Commonwealth Office of Technology, and

WHEREAS: Dr. Wells has improved on her own professional development by receiving two bachelor's degrees in music and mathematics from Eastern Kentucky University, doctoral degrees in mathematics education from the University of Cincinnati, as well as completing a program in educational leadership at Harvard University in 2001, according to the NKU Office of the President's website, and

WHEREAS: Dr. Wells has helped the University gain recognition not only through her awards, but also through her publications. The most notable being, “Becoming an Engaged Campus, A Practical Guide for Institutionalizing Public Engagement,” which she co-authored with past University President, Dr. James Votruba, and current Director of Academic Affairs, Carol Beere, and

WHEREAS: Dr. Wells has directly influenced the development of the College of Informatics, Center for Integrated Science and Mathematics (CINSAM), and the Kentucky Center for Mathematics, and

WHEREAS: In an email to the NKU population at large, President Mearns said, “I am grateful to Gail Wells for her nearly 10 years of service as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost – and many more years of service as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Chair of the Department of Mathematics,” and

WHEREAS: Dr. Wells has a genuine interest in the development of this University’s students, exhibited by the following quote: “Find work that you enjoy and passionately believe is important and then give unselfishly of yourself to this work. Never stop learning. Never stop caring.” according to an interview after receiving her recognition from the YWCA, and

WHEREAS: The Student Government Association, on behalf of the entire student body, would like to thank Dr. Wells for her unwavering commitment to the betterment of this University and its students through her passion, leadership, and sincerity, and

WHEREAS: She has forever molded the future of our University by selflessly giving of her time, resources, and talent. She will be dearly missed and we wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THIS EIGHTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013 THAT
THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES VICE
PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PROVOST DOCTOR GAIL
WELLS FOR HER SERVICE TO NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY.**

Signed: _____
Erik Pederson, President

Attest: _____
Chandler Taylor, Legislative Liaison