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## **SHARED GOVERNANCE REAFFIRMATION RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The University of Mississippi Faculty are the critical resource for implementing the tripartite mission of Research, Teaching and Service of this university;

**WHEREAS**, shared governance is the hallmark of the American university system and is essential to the institution's success in achieving the highest level of distinction in academics;

**WHEREAS**, shared governance rests on principles of mutuality and collaboration, transparency, representative participation, mutual accountability and clearly defined boundaries and roles between, among and across all levels of university life from the department, to the college or school, to the university and to its governing board;

**WHEREAS**, The University of Mississippi Faculty, its Provost and Chancellor and its Governing Board have long embraced a commitment of shared governance;

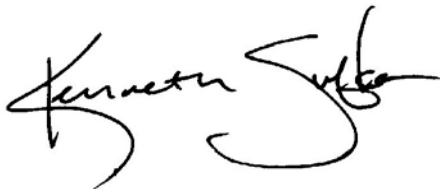
**WHEREAS**, The University of Mississippi Faculty Senate is the elected and representative body of the faculty and help to establish and implement governance essential in operating a flagship university;

**WHEREAS**, the economic events during this academic year have provided the administration an opportunity to welcome Faculty Senate input in budgetary decisions in order to embrace the values embodied in shared governance that promote excellence in Research, Teaching and Service without compromising the core values of this university;

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Faculty Senate welcome the new Chancellor and urge continuity by a renewed commitment to open, honest and shared governance between faculty and administration where our input has long been an essential and excellent source of expertise and leadership.

**RESOLVED**, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

THE SENATE OF THE FACULTY



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Kenneth J. Sufka  
Chair of Faculty Senate