

**A RESOLUTION HONORING
ELINOR OSTROM
TO THE BLOOMINGTON FACULTY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Elinor (Lin) Ostrom, Arthur F. Bentley Professor of Political Science and Professor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and Senior Research Director, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, began her academic career as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Indiana University in 1965,

WHEREAS, Lin Ostrom co-founded (with her spouse and long-time collaborator Vincent Ostrom) the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis in 1973 and served as one of its co-directors until July 2009,

WHEREAS, Lin co-founded (with Emilio Moran, Rudy Professor of Anthropology) CIPEC, the Center for the Study of Institutions, Population and Environmental Change in 1996 and served as one of its co-directors until 2006,

WHEREAS, Lin co-founded (with colleagues in Economics, Geography, Political Science, and Psychology) the Inter-Disciplinary Experimental Laboratory in Woodburn Hall in 2004,

WHEREAS, Lin helped lead the Workshop and CIPEC to become globally recognized leaders in interdisciplinary research, with multi-faceted research programs that have identified the many ways in which local communities throughout the world have crafted creative ways to successfully manage resources critical to their own survival, while also identifying the severe challenges such communities can face in the context of increasing globalization,

WHEREAS, Lin has served as mentor to numerous Indiana University students, as well as many postdoctoral and visiting scholars, and has actively involved them as full participants in interdisciplinary research teams,

WHEREAS, Lin's research has integrated multiple methods of research and has been disseminated in hundreds of scientific papers and such widely influential books as *Governing the Commons* and *Understanding Institutional Diversity*,

WHEREAS, Lin's research accomplishments have been recognized by her election to the National Academy of Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Philosophical Society, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences,

WHEREAS, Lin has served in many leadership positions in department, university, and professional service, including as chair of Political Science, President of the American Political Science Association and President of the Public Choice Society,

WHEREAS, Lin serves as an inspiration to her many colleagues at Indiana University and at institutions around the world,

WHEREAS, the truly extraordinary nature of Elinor Ostrom's contributions has been recognized by her selection by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences as a co-recipient of the 2009 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, "for her analysis of economic governance, especially the commons,"

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bloomington Faculty Council congratulates and honors Elinor Ostrom for her many accomplishments during her 45 years of dedicated service to the Faculty of Indiana University, Bloomington.

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