

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Recognition of Eastern's Award-Winning Energy Cogeneration Project**

WHEREAS, after more than two years of extensive planning and completion of a complex installation process, the new energy-saving 55-ton Cogeneration unit represents a historic campus investment that is having a positive financial, environmental, and human impact on the University and the surrounding community; and,

WHEREAS, the Cogeneration unit will create an annual reduction of more than 21,000 tons of carbon dioxide, equivalent to 78 million miles driven by an average passenger vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, Eastern's net savings will be \$2.8 million annually, or more than \$50,000 per week, as the Cogeneration unit produces both heat and electricity simultaneously from one fuel source; and,

WHEREAS, Eastern was honored with awards for the Cogen project from the Energy Services Coalition in Lansing and the Energy Solutions Center in Washington, D.C., and has been recognized as one of the top green colleges in the nation by the Princeton Review; and,

WHEREAS, the leadership and staff of the University Physical Plant, with support from University leadership, has positioned Eastern as one of the most energy-efficient universities in the state and one that is at the forefront of sustainability and energy saving efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents acknowledges the extraordinary impact the Cogeneration unit will have this year, and for many years to come, on behalf of the University and the State of Michigan.

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