

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DEGREE TITLE CHANGE FROM DOCTOR
OF PHILOSOPHY IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TO DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE**

WHEREAS, the current department name, Human Development, is not used in other similar departments at research universities with very high research activity; and the proposed name, Human Development and Family Science, accurately reflects the scope of teaching, training, research, and engagement within the department; and

WHEREAS, the National Council on Family Relations, the primary professional organization for family scholarship, formally adopted family science as the preferred term to identify the field in 2015; and

WHEREAS, department faculty and graduate students voted with strong support for changing the name to Human Development and Family Science; and

WHEREAS, changing the department name should include changing the name of the graduate degree from Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development to Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development and Family Science;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the degree title of Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development be changed to Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development and Family Science effective fall 2017, pending approval by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Visitors approve the Resolution to Approve the Degree Title Change from Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development to Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development and Family Science.

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