RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VIRGINIA CENTER FOR COAL AND ENERGY RESEARCH

WHEREAS, the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research was established in 1977 by the Code of Virginia (§23.1 Article 3), and the legislation requires that the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors appoint an executive director for the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research.

WHEREAS, Interim Director, Kramer Luxbacher left Virginia Tech in July 2022; and

WHEREAS, Erik Westman is proposed for appointment as Interim Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Erik Westman is professor and interim department head in Mining and Minerals Engineering; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Erik Westman be appointed as interim executive director of the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research beginning August 23, 2022, until such time as a permanent executive director is identified.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Visitors approve this resolution appointing Dr. Erik Westman as Interim Executive Director of the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research.

August 22, 2022