

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE UT PROSIM SCHOLAR AWARD
AND CONFER THE INAUGURAL AWARD**

Whereas, in 1896, the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute adopted the motto of “Ut Prosim,” which translates from Latin to mean “That I May Serve” or “That I May Do Good”; and

Whereas, “Ut Prosim” is a core value that has endured more than a century, transcending the transformation from an all-male, military agricultural and mechanical college into the comprehensive, inclusive research university that Virginia Tech is today; and

Whereas, with this profound commitment to service indelibly embedded into the culture of Virginia Tech, the university wishes to establish an award to recognize truly extraordinary service to humanity; and

Whereas, in recognition of the extraordinary work of Dr. Marc Edwards in collaboration with Michigan pediatrician Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha and their respective teams, who defied opposition to apply science in the public interest and intervened in the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, President Timothy D. Sands nominates Dr. Marc Edwards and his team for the inaugural Ut Prosim Scholar Award;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University hereby creates the “Ut Prosim Scholar Award” to recognize singular instances of the application of scholarship in truly extraordinary service to humanity, authorizes the President to develop the procedures for selection of future award recipients, and grants the President the discretion to determine the form and value of any future awards with ratification by the Board; and

Be it further resolved that the Board of Visitors commends Virginia Tech professor Dr. Marc Edwards and Michigan pediatrician Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha and their teams whose timely intervention in the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, where corroding pipes were causing lead poisoning, undoubtedly saved lives and prevented grievous outcomes for hundreds more children in Michigan; and

Be it further resolved that the Board of Visitors upon recommendation of President Timothy D. Sands confers the inaugural Ut Prosim Scholar Award to Dr. Marc Edwards and his team. Commensurate with the impact of their service to humanity that is based on their scholarship and expertise, this inaugural award will provide \$100,000 per year for five years for operational support for their work performed at Virginia Tech.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution creating the Ut Prosim Scholar Award to recognize singular instances of the application of scholarship in truly extraordinary service to humanity, authorizing the President to determine the procedures for the selection of future award recipients, commending the work of Dr. Marc Edwards and Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha and their respective teams for their intervention in the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, and conferring to Dr. Marc Edwards and his team the inaugural Ut Prosim Scholar Award of \$100,000 per year for five years for operational support for their work performed at Virginia Tech be approved.

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