

Whereas Robert L. Barchi was appointed President of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey by the Board of Governors in April 2012;

and whereas President Barchi has served with distinction in this office since September 2012;

and whereas he has recognized the importance of shared governance at Rutgers by incorporating it as a foundational element in our strategic plan;

and whereas he has served as a member of the Rutgers University Senate for eight years, has been open and responsive to the Senate's recommendations and requests, and has regularly updated the Senate on activities and progress at the university, creating dialog that has informed and energized our discussions;

and whereas during his tenure he has lead the integration of Rutgers with UMDNJ to create Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences;

and whereas he has been an ardent supporter of free speech, of academic freedom, and of diverse members of our community such as military veterans who study at Rutgers and those affected by DACA;

and whereas he was instrumental in the formation of the new Rutgers Honors College in New Brunswick;

and whereas he has announced his intention to step down as President effective June 30, 2020;

be it Resolved that the Rutgers University Senate thanks President Robert L. Barchi for his collaboration with the Senate and his dedicated service to the university, congratulates him on his retirement, and wishes him happiness and success in all his future endeavors and undertakings.