



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 15, 2020**

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION REGARDING
THE UNIVERSITY'S RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS**

WHEREAS the coronavirus struck Catholic University, along with the rest of the country, with little warning and with potentially devastating impact in March 2020, and

WHEREAS the University swiftly adapted to the challenges posed by the virus, particularly regarding alternatives to in-person learning and student engagement, the safety of the campus as a place to live, learn, and work, and the impact on University resources, and

WHEREAS the response to the virus has involved all members of the University, because it has affected all facets of University life, and

WHEREAS all academic personnel, with the assistance of Technology Services, ensured that instruction continued in spring 2020 and further made significant use of advanced technology to deliver high quality instruction in fall 2020, and

WHEREAS the non-academic needs of students were addressed with energy, charity, and imagination by all elements of Student Affairs, including residence life, athletics, and student health, and the impact on students was further tempered by the generosity of alumni, parents, and other donors, and

WHEREAS the safety and cleanliness of the University was made possible by the daily, dedicated service of Facilities personnel, and

WHEREAS students exhibited a spirit of flexibility and solidarity in adapting to new methods of learning, and cared for each other by respecting the safety protocols required to keep campus safe, and

WHEREAS all members of the University community contributed to a comprehensive response, finding new ways to communicate with potential students, raising awareness and funds for current needs, and crafting budget and resourcing plans that addressed the financial challenges with creativity and fidelity to the University's current and future needs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees expresses its gratitude to the students, faculty, and staff of The Catholic University of America for their response to the coronavirus crisis. The spirit of cooperation and creativity, coupled with a relentless pursuit of solutions for the challenges brought by the virus, ensured that the University continued to offer its excellent education despite the challenging times. The Board recognizes the sacrifices and investment of time and energy by the University faculty and staff that makes it a still stronger institution, ready to meet its next set of challenges.