Resolution of Appreciation for the Service of All Brown Staff Members

WHEREAS more than 3,000 Brown staff members rose to the unique challenges of a rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic, going to great lengths to be flexible and adaptive while constantly imagining and implementing innovative ways to work while supporting the University in navigating an extraordinarily complex situation;

WHEREAS numerous essential staff members have worked tirelessly since the beginning of the pandemic adhering to new disinfection protocols in our study, living, work and common spaces; delivering safe dining experiences while maintaining transparency and a high level of service; providing for a safe community while ensuring compliance with ever-changing guidelines; and taking great care to protect the health and wellbeing of our students;

WHEREAS approximately 70 staff members took on the role as Healthy Ambassadors cheerfully motivating fellow campus community members to practice healthy behaviors and follow COVID-19 prevention guidelines; and others participated in the Staff Temporary Project Assignment Program to support departments with needs that may not have existed before the pandemic;

WHEREAS courses were rebuilt and adapted to changed curricular plans, enhancements were made to classrooms to provide optimal instructional technology; and digital access was facilitated for general and special collections materials not available through other means to support research and the world class education for which Brown is known;

WHEREAS a new level of accessibility was reached while protecting and caring for the health and wellbeing of our students whether on or away from campus, and for the first-time counseling and psychological services were offered remotely; creative strategies were developed in offering student meal services including the launch of a virtual ordering platform providing a contactless dining experience with a personal touch;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Corporation extend their sincere appreciation to all Brown staff members for their substantial contributions during these challenging times, ongoing dedication to supporting students and faculty, and commitment to carrying out the University’s mission.