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RESOLUTION

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THE ENDOWED CHAIR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

at

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

IN HONOR OF MRS. PHYLLIS WAITE

December 10, 2009

- WHEREAS, Phyllis Waite, a leader of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and a longtime advocate of children and their welfare, passed away on October 4, 2005, and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Waite served the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation in many capacities over her career, including as an Elder and member of the Tribal Council, as the Tribe's Health and Human Services Director; as Housing Director; and as founder of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Health Clinic; and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Waite was instrumental in creating programs for the tribal community under the Indian Child Welfare Act; and
- WHEREAS, Phyllis Waite served on the board of directors of Backus Hospital; and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Waite opened the CANE Day Care Center and led the South County Community Action Program, both in Rhode Island, before coming to the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation in Connecticut; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby designates the Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Education at Eastern Connecticut State University to be known now and hereafter as the Phyllis Waite Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Education.

A Certified True Copy:

Karl J. Krapek, Chairman

David G. Carter, Chancellor