REAFFIRMING THE BOARD’S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE COLLEGE AT WISE AND ENCOURAGING REPRESENTATION OF THE COLLEGE’S INTERESTS ON THE BOARD OF VISITORS (THE “SMIDDY RESOLUTION”)

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise is a separate state agency and instrumentality for which the Rector and Visitors are separately responsible; and

WHEREAS, The College at Wise is an important component and the only branch of the University of Virginia, providing vital educational services to the Commonwealth of Virginia and particularly the Southwest Virginia region; and

WHEREAS, The University supports the College at Wise and its students through programs and administrative services, as envisioned by Colgate W. Darden, Jr., Samuel R. Crockett III, and Joseph C. Smiddy, when the College was established in 1954; and

WHEREAS, The College at Wise assists the University in delivering programs designed to support economic development, regional healthcare, and K-12 improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors wishes to assure that the issues, efforts and interests of the College at Wise are properly presented to, recognized, and acted on by the University administration and the Board of Visitors;

RESOLVED, the University of Virginia’s Board of Visitors reaffirms its long-standing commitment to sustain and strengthen the College at Wise; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, following every gubernatorial election the Rector shall formally contact the newly elected Governor to emphasize that The University of Virginia’s College at Wise is a vital component of the University, and to encourage the Governor to assure that the interests of The University of Virginia’s College at Wise are represented fully in the selection of members to the University’s Board of Visitors; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, in recognition of “Papa Joe” Smiddy’s long and fruitful efforts to build The University of Virginia’s College at Wise and his tireless work to promote close relationships between Wise and Charlottesville, this resolution shall be known as the Smiddy Resolution.