

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOAD OF VISITORS
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS the current strategic plan for George Mason University is set to expire in 2014,

WHEREAS the University plans to publicly launch a capital campaign in or prior to 2014,

WHEREAS important national and global trends are affecting the funding, costs and technologies of higher education,

WHEREAS business, political, and thought leaders throughout the nation have called for universities to develop new models for delivering accessible, high-quality education and to increase the number of graduates needed to sustain the Nation's competitiveness,

WHEREAS a new president was appointed to lead George Mason University beginning July 1, 2012,

WHEREAS the Board of Visitors held a Planning Conference on August 16 to discuss the strategic direction of the University,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY that the President of the University be charged with crafting a new Strategic Vision for the University, in collaboration with the faculty and key internal and external stakeholders, and in alignment with existing policies and frameworks in the Commonwealth of Virginia,

AND FURTHER, that such Strategic Vision shall be presented to the Board for consideration and approval during the current academic year,

AND FURTHER, that such Strategic Vision shall serve as the basis for a new University Strategic Plan to be developed and approved prior to June 2014,

AND FURTHER, that such Strategic Vision shall serve as the basis for the fundraising Campaign to be announced prior to June 2014.

Adopted: August 17, 2012

Edward J. Newberry
Secretary of the Board of Visitors