

**Marshall BOG Resolution – Designating March 2, 2011 as “Marshall University Day.”**

Whereas, March 2, 2011 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorating the granting of university status to Marshall University by the West Virginia Legislature, thereby making it possible for Marshall University to fulfill the vision of a public university of and for the people of West Virginia, serving not only West Virginians but the nation with distinction and pride; and

Whereas, Marshall University is one of the state’s premier institutions of higher learning; and,

Whereas, Marshall University educates over 14,000 students at campus locations in Huntington, Point Pleasant, South Charleston, Beckley, Logan and Gilbert and offers degrees at the associate, baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral levels; and,

Whereas, Marshall University is building a national reputation for research in biotechnology, forensic science and medicine through its College of Science and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine; and,

Whereas, Marshall University is creating new, high-value job opportunities through its research efforts and as part of West Virginia’s Research Trust Fund “Bucks for Brains” initiative; and,

Whereas, with every dollar the state invests in Marshall University, the University generates over \$20 in economic benefit to West Virginia, resulting in the generation of \$1.5 billion per year in economic impact, which has tripled since 2005; and,

Whereas, a university-record 2,052 new full-time equivalent freshmen enrolled at Marshall University in fall 2010; and,

Whereas, the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing is providing services to all 55 state counties providing expertise to more than 5,250 small and medium-sized manufacturers that employ more than 81,000 individuals across West Virginia; and,

Whereas, the Nick J. Rahall, II Appalachian Transportation Institute of Marshall University is setting national standards in transportation; and,

Whereas, Marshall University’s graduate program in Forensic Science is ranked as the top program of its type in the country; and,

Whereas, Marshall University’s medical and health sciences schools and departments train hundreds of West Virginians to serve as doctors, nurses, therapists and health technicians each year; and,

Whereas, Marshall University is establishing the School of Pharmacy, which will produce well-prepared pharmacists for the field’s evolving role in health care, will create good-paying jobs and will generate an estimated \$150 million economic impact; and,

Whereas, Marshall University alumni number more than 90,000 across the globe; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Marshall University Board of Governors:

That the Board hereby designates March 2, 2011, as “Marshall University Day” in celebration of the university’s 50th anniversary of earning university status.