STATE OF COLORADO



DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

RESOLUTION informing the United States Department of Education regarding the authority of Regis University to operate in Colorado.

WHEREAS, On October 29, 2010, the United States Department of Education issued Final Regulations on Program Integrity issues (75 FR 66831 – 66975) including regulations at 34 CFR 600.9 that require an educational institution to be "established by name as an educational institution by a State through a charter, statute, constitutional provision, or other action by an appropriate State agency or State entity..." and be "authorized to operate educational programs beyond secondary education, including programs leading to a degree or certificate;" and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Commission on Higher Education ("Commission") was created by the General Assembly of Colorado in 1965 and has authority under C.R.S. 23-1-101, to maximize the opportunities for postsecondary education in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Under C.R.S. 23-2-103.3, the Commission may authorize a private, nonprofit institution, including a religious-degree granting institution, if it meets certain minimum requirements established by the Commission for the authorization of private, degree-granting institutions; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has authority under C.R.S. Title 23 to seek an injunction against an institution of higher education operating in Colorado without authorization; and

WHEREAS, The minimum requirements set forth in regulations adopted by the Commission and published in C.R.S. Title 23 require institutions to maintain accreditation in good standing with a United States Department of Education recognized accrediting body; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado private nonprofit college or university named below has been in operation in Colorado since 1877; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Colorado Commission on Higher Education respectfully informs the United States Department of Education that Regis University is a private, nonprofit college or university authorized to operate as an institution of higher education in Colorado, offering educational programs beyond secondary education, including programs leading to a degree or certificate.