WHEREAS, Dr. Timothy P. White comes to California State University, Bakersfield as the newly designated Chancellor of the California State University, serving as the CEO of the largest senior system of public higher education in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor White has previously served as the Chancellor of UC Riverside where he, working with a committee of several hundred faculty, staff and community members, forged a strategic plan for the University of California, Riverside which will guide it for future growth from its recent level of over 21,000 students; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor White served also as Professor of Biology and of Biomedical Science and implemented the foundation of a UCR School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor White has previously held positions as Professor and Chair of the Department of Movement Science and Research Scientist in the Institute of Gerontology at the University of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor White is a product of California’s Master Plan, having pursued his higher education from Diablo Valley Community College, Fresno State and California State University East Bay and finishing with a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, California State University, Bakersfield, sees as its mission to provide excellence of education in partnership with its community for the citizens of its community and region, a region where the university going population is primarily first generation students from a wide variety of ethnic, racial, and cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, CSU, Bakersfield, is engaged in numerous activities to improve education as well as quality of life for its community and region whether be STEM Education, quality training for nurses, outstanding art, music and theater performances, or consciousness raising about important issues through or preparing students to become skilled professional practitioners in counseling, educational leadership, teacher education, special education, social work, criminal justice, law, psychology-related fields or preparing graduates to make knowledge-based decisions to address challenging issues facing business and other organizational leaders in our region; and

WHEREAS, CSU, Bakersfield is proud to be a key player in the CSU by providing high-quality, accessible, student-focused higher education and by being a member of the largest, the most diverse, and one of the most affordable university systems in the country, therefore

BE It RESOLVED: That the CSU, Bakersfield, Academic Senate, on behalf of its faculty, administration, staff and students extends to Chancellor Timothy White a most warm welcome and;

BE It Further RESOLVED: That we hope that his visit will prove to be a rich and valuable experience.