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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Death**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement**

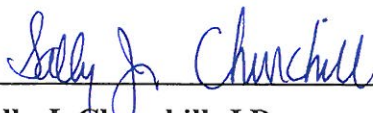
The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Eric G. Freedman, Ph.D.**, professor of psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint. Professor Freedman died on December 10, 2014.

Professor Freedman received his B.A. degree from Brandeis University in 1980 and Ph.D. degree from the University of Maine in 1988. He served on the faculty of Michigan Technical University from 1988-93. Professor Freedman joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1993, and was promoted to associate professor in 1999, and professor in 2006.

Professor Freedman was a leading authority in the field of cognitive psychology, with special expertise in the areas of perception, executive control and scientific discovery. He published numerous articles in the leading scholarly publications and was a frequent invited speaker at national symposia. He served as chair of the Department of Psychology, chair of the Faculty Council, and was an active member of numerous committees including the Curriculum Committee, the Academic Standards Committee, and the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee. An inspiring and accomplished teacher, Professor Freedman taught a wide array of courses including Principles of Psychology, General Experimental Psychology, Introduction to Cognitive Science, Human Memory and Performance, and Experimental Approaches to Cognition. He shared his love of research and exploring the human mind with his countless students, many of whom have gone on to distinguished academic, clinical, and research careers.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Donna, his daughters Hannah, Kathryn, and Kristina, his son Samuel, and his many loving relatives and friends.

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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