THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Nancy K. Janz, Ph.D., professor of health behavior and health education in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2018.

Professor Janz received her B.S. (1969), M.S. (1972), and Ph.D. (1986) degrees from the University of Michigan. She has held a number of University of Michigan positions, including cardiovascular nurse clinician, cardiovascular clinical nurse specialist, and assistant research scientist. She joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1991, and was promoted to associate professor in 1998 and professor in 2005. Professor Janz served as interim co-chair (2003-04) and associate chair (2005-10) of the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, associate director (2006-16) of the Center for Managing Chronic Disease, and associate dean for academic affairs (2010-14) in the School of Public Health.

Professor Janz is a nationally recognized leader in the examination of psychosocial factors that influence preventive health behaviors, including screenings in breast and colorectal cancer. She has written extensively about the use of behavioral theory in understanding adherence to cancer screenings. In addition, a major area of her scholarly work has involved the impact of chronic disease and its treatment on health-related quality of life. Professor Janz examined the impact of treatment on quality of life in a number of chronic diseases, including heart disease, pelvic floor disorders, and glaucoma. She extended her work to breast cancer with research efforts that examined the role of decision-making and treatment choices on quality of life, and the evaluation of a theory-driven intervention for breast cancer survivors. Professor Janz authored and co-authored over 150 papers in leading national publications. She is a founding member of the Cancer Surveillance and Outcomes Research Team (CanSORT), where her role in several projects, funded by the National Institutes of Health, has been to better understand the information and support needs of women with breast cancer as well as the impact racial and ethnic differences have on breast cancer, its treatment, and quality of life over time. She was an outstanding mentor and innovative teacher to a generation of public health students, many of whom have gone on to successful academic, research, clinical, and government careers.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Nancy K. Janz, professor emerita of health behavior and health education.

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