THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Institute Establishment and Naming

Action Requested: Authorization to establish and name a new Sports Medicine Institute

Proposed Name: Nathan and Catherine Forbes Sports Medicine Institute

Background:

Longtime supporters of the University of Michigan Nathan and Catherine Forbes have made a generous gift that will establish an interdisciplinary institute to advance sports medicine, orthopedic, and physical medicine, and rehabilitative care, research, and education across the state. The institute will be based in a new state-of-the-art facility in Ann Arbor, provided the Board of Regents approves construction of the facility.

Building on a legacy of excellence in academic medicine, clinical care, and championship athletics, this institute will be at the center, a premier hub of the statewide sports medicine network the University of Michigan Health announced in February. The institute and statewide network will be preeminent leaders and innovators in orthopaedics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, and sports medicine as well as a health care destination for all types of athletes — professionals and amateurs at all levels.

This funding will enable Michigan Medicine to begin planning for the new facility, which is envisioned to include clinical, surgical, and performance space; advanced imaging equipment; and a rehabilitation center that will offer state-of-the-art therapies to prevent injury and maximize recovery and performance for athletes of all ages.

The institute will unite clinical services, including from the U-M departments of physical medicine and rehabilitation, orthopaedic surgery, radiology, and anesthesiology. This will be a place where patients — including those with the most daunting athletic injuries — will benefit greatly from dynamic, patient-centered care that spans prevention, wellness, care for injuries, rehabilitation, and acute and chronic disease management.

Nathan "Nate" Forbes earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1985. He is the managing partner of the Forbes Company, a nationally recognized developer, owner, and manager of luxury shopping destinations. Nate and his wife, Catherine, have generously supported areas across the university over many years, including Michigan Medicine,

the Museum of Art, and Michigan Athletics, where they contributed a lead gift to the Michigan Athletics campus project. They received U-M's Hermelin Award, which recognizes the university's most dedicated fundraising volunteers, in 2015 and served on the Leadership Committee for U-M's Victors for Michigan campaign. In addition to Nate and Catherine cochairing the Look to Michigan campaign, Nate represents the Forbes family's dedication to high-impact cancer research on the University of Michigan Health Rogel Cancer Center's National Advisory Board.

In recognition of the Forbes' exceptional generosity to U-M and this significant commitment by Nathan and Catherine Forbes, we recommend that the Board of Regents approve the establishment and naming of the Nathan and Catherine Forbes Sports Medicine Institute, effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

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