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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

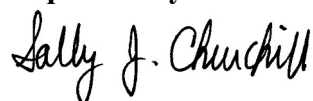
**Jeffrey W. Innis, M.D., Ph.D.**, Morton S. and Henrietta K. Sellner Professor of Human Genetics, professor of human genetics, professor of pediatrics, and professor of internal medicine, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2021.

Professor Innis obtained his Ph.D. and M.D. degrees from the University of Miami School of Medicine in 1983 and 1985, respectively. He then completed his training in pediatrics and in molecular and human genetics at Baylor College of Medicine. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in the Departments of Human Genetics and Pediatrics in 1991, and was promoted to associate professor in 1998, and professor in 2007. He was named the Morton S. and Henrietta K. Sellner Professor of Human Genetics in 2011. In 2015, he was appointed professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Professor Innis' contributions to UM's clinical, research, and education missions are vast, as are his efforts in local, national, and international service. He is a highly respected and passionate physician who cares for patients with a wide spectrum of inherited conditions. To complement his clinical care, he developed a successful, long-term research program on skeletal malformations with a focus on Hox gene regulation and function. Professor Innis' research was published in many peer-reviewed manuscripts in top journals and garnered him numerous grants and awards including the NIGMS James A. Shannon Director's Award (1991) and the UM Medical School Dean's Award for Achievement in Basic Science Research (2006). Professor Innis has a remarkable track record of teaching and training early-career scientists and clinicians. Professor Innis served as the medical director of the Genetic Counseling Program. Through mentoring in his research lab and in the clinic, Professor Innis has successfully mentored many undergraduates, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and clinical fellows who have gone on to productive careers. He served as the founder and director of the Medical Genetics Residency Program, the director of the Division of Genetics, Metabolism and Genomic Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics, the service chief of the Division of Genetic Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, and the founder and medical director of the Michigan Medical Genetics Laboratories (MMGL).

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and teacher by naming **Jeffrey W. Innis, professor emeritus of human genetics, professor emeritus of pediatrics, and professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

**Requested by:**



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

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