

STATE OF WASHINGTON STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES RESOLUTION 22-10-51

A resolution relating to congratulating Dr. Christine Johnson on her retirement after 12 years of service as the chancellor of the Community Colleges of Spokane.

WHEREAS, Dr. Christine Johnson is retiring from the Community Colleges of Spokane, after serving as chancellor for the past 12 years;

WHEREAS, A first-generation student, Dr. Johnson is a lifelong educator, beginning her career in 1976 as a high school English and Spanish teacher, becoming a principal, a position for which she was recognized in 1986 as Colorado Principal of the Year, and executive director for Littleton Public Schools before moving into higher education administration with positions at the University of Colorado Denver, the Colorado Community College system, and the Community College of Denver;

WHEREAS, Upon being appointed chancellor, Greg Bever, then chair of the Community Colleges of Spokane Board of Trustees, called Dr. Johnson “a change master and problem solver who is unafraid to take on challenges and looks for opportunities to build consensus.”

WHEREAS, As chancellor, Dr. Johnson launched innovative initiatives in cybersecurity, a Grants and Sponsored Research department, online and competency-based education, and a cross-border partnership with Selkirk College in southeastern Canada to better serve First Nations communities;

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson volunteers her time in the greater-Spokane community for organizations like Washington STEM, Greater Spokane, Inc., Gonzaga University Board of Trustees, Eastern Washington University’s Advisory Council, and the Washington State University Medical School President’s Advisory Council, as well as being called upon by six United States Secretaries of Education for her insights into national education policy through service on national boards and commissions;

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson’s dedication to the students, faculty, and staff of the Community Colleges of Spokane solidified its already strong reputation of putting students first, providing them with an excellent education that transforms their lives and expands their opportunities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges hereby congratulates Dr. Christine Johnson for her years of distinguished service to thousands of students and many communities. The State Board offers its congratulations and best wishes.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on Oct. 20, 2022.

Attest



Paul Francis, secretary



Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney, chair