The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Commendation

PROJECT SMART

WHEREAS, Project SMART (Science and Mathematics Achievement through Research Training) just completed its 22nd year and is an exemplary STEM program, building the workforce pipeline of the future; and

WHEREAS, Project SMART Summer Institute was started in 1992 at the University of New Hampshire with funding provided, in part, by then Governor Judd Gregg, offering biotechnology and nanotechnology, marine and environmental science, and space science as modules each year; and

WHEREAS, The program is aimed at challenging, educating, and motivating talented high school students in science and mathematics while acquainting them with the environment and resources of the University as a place for higher education and research; and

WHEREAS, The program is open to high school students who are upcoming juniors and seniors, and participating students study advanced topics in science, mathematics, and computers through lectures, demonstrations, hands-on laboratory experience, and field trips, and learn to do research with University of New Hampshire faculty and graduate students; and

WHEREAS, The University of New Hampshire is grateful to Professor of Plant Biology and Genetics, Subhash C. Minocha, who has served as the director of Project SMART since the program’s founding; and

WHEREAS, Project SMART has served more than 1,200 students over the years and has made connections with hundreds of schools across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Participating students are highly diverse and include a significant proportion of students from minority, underrepresented, and economically disadvantaged backgrounds from both rural and urban areas within the United States; and

WHEREAS, Project SMART sees an equal number of male and female participants, allowing for a very healthy social interaction and networking among the peers, particularly students from rural New England and the far-reaches of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, One of the modules, Space Science, completed a record-breaking balloon launch, reaching heights of more than 110,000 feet into space, demonstrating the potential of our students and the success of Project SMART;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, and the Executive Council, do hereby commend PROJECT SMART for its work to educate our young people and prepare them for an innovative future.

Given this 4th day of September in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-eight.

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