RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education recognizes the significant accomplishments of Dr. Patricia A. Gentile at the conclusion of her seventh year as the fourth President of North Shore Community College, overseeing three campuses in Danvers, Lynn and Middleton; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentile has led North Shore Community College through a period of national recognition by the Washington Magazine for excellent leadership among public community colleges for its role in serving adult learners, ranking 23rd in 2016, climbing to13th and at the top in Massachusetts in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentile has extensive state and national leadership appointments, which include serving as Chair of the Massachusetts Community Colleges Presidential Council, member of the Community Mitigation Subcommittee of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission and the Massachusetts Autism Commission, Chief Operating Officer of the Children's Defense Fund in Washington DC, Chief Executive Officer of two large mid-Atlantic Girl Scout Councils, and Chief Executive Officer of the Women's Humane Society in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, prior to beginning her presidency at North Shore Community College, Dr. Gentile was appointed Chief Operating Officer in 2009, and served as Dean of Advancement and Enrollment Management at Atlantic Cape Community College campuses in New Jersey, where she oversaw all noncredit services, Workforce Development, the College Foundation, and four Institutes: *Health Professions, Casino Career, Technology Studies, and the Institute of Service Excellence*; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentile has established North Shore Community College as a leader in Student Success, significantly improving student outcomes, closing achievement gaps, and raising graduation rates through a student centric focus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentile created the *CommUnivCity* program in Lynn, an innovative birth-to-career urban education-workforce community collaborative that provides affordable educational pathways from preschool to graduate school; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentile oversaw the opening of a new administration and classroom wing of the McGee Building on the Lynn Campus in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentile propelled North Shore Community College as an active community partner and leader on the North Shore, managing the addition of a Veteran's Center, a Community Greenhouse and the MassHire One Stop Career Center on the Lynn campus, serving thousands from the north shore communities, including NSCC students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentile oversaw the awarding of a new ten-year accreditation from the New England Commission of Higher Education, receiving commendations for its comprehensive self-study, continued excellence in strategic planning and for a professionally competent staff committed to student and community success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentile holds a BA from the University of Pennsylvania, MBA in Finance and Public Policy and Management from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Higher Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentile has worked tirelessly throughout her tenure and has demonstrated profound commitment to what is best for students of the Commonwealth and its system of public higher education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentile is recognized for her service to the college and north shore community by the North Shore Community College Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

On behalf of the members of the Board of Higher Education, the Department staff, and the students and institutions of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education honors and commends Dr. Patricia A. Gentile on the occasion of her retirement from the presidency at North Shore Community College.

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Chris Gabrieli, Chairman   Carlos Santiago, Commissioner
Massachusetts Board of Higher Education   Massachusetts Department of Higher Education

June 23, 2020

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