Resolution honoring Dr. Catherine Maynard for her long tenure as United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service State Geospatial Analyst and Honorary Montana State Library Employee.

Whereas, Catherine has committed her career to public service, recently celebrating 30 years of service with the United States Department of Agriculture;

Whereas, For 24 years, Catherine has worked for the state office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service while co-housed in the Montana State Library because she, and her agency, recognize that her position is most effective working collaboratively with the team of GIS Analysts at the State Library;

Whereas, Catherine and the Montana State Library share common values regarding the importance of public access to government information;

Whereas, Catherine has championed the long standing relationship between the State
Library and the Natural Resources Conservation Service and especially the
Natural Resource Information System, including the Water Information System
and the Montana Natural Heritage Program;

Whereas, Catherine guided the development of an amazing series of Snowpack and Water Supply maps through partnership between Natural Resources Conservation Service and the State Library that dates back to 1992;

Whereas, Catherine has contributed significantly to the remote sensing profession with applications in rangeland inventory, wetlands conservation, and soils and land cover mapping;

Whereas, Catherine has served as the Montana Theme Lead for the Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure Soils and Hydrologic Units themes since their inception, and has contributed substantially to the development of the Hydrography, Imagery, Elevation, Land Cover, and Wetlands themes through both direct work and through Natural Resources Conservation Service funding support;

Whereas, as a long-standing member of the geographic information profession in Montana, Catherine participated in the legislative planning process that resulted in the Montana Land Information Act passed in 2005;

Whereas, Catherine has served on the Montana Land Information Advisory Council for all of its existence and during that time, served on countless subcommittees including the Grant Review and Land Plan subcommittees on many occasions;

Whereas, Catherine has gone above and beyond to assist the State Library during difficult financial times to ensure the continued success of the programs she deeply values.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Montana State Library Commission

- 1. Honors Dr. Catherine Maynard for all her years of work;
- 2. Thanks Catherine for her service; and
- 3. Wishes Catherine all the best in her retirement.

Adopted by the Montana State Library Commission

December 9, 2020

Bruce Newell, Chair