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Whereas, Patrick D. Nunn, Ph.D. exemplifies the accomplishments, leadership, and vision that is inherent in the criteria for the Gregory Medal; and

Whereas, in 17 years of study, learning, and teaching at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji alone and in collaboration with a number of colleagues, his efforts resulted in 94 published articles on basic and applied Pacific science; and

Whereas, among these are three major synthesis books entitled "Oceanic Islands" (1994), "Pacific Island Landscapes" and "Environmental Change in the Pacific Basin" (1999); and

Whereas, these books are scholarly works of high quality as confirmed by peers in the geosciences as well as colleagues in other disciplines; and

Whereas, Professor Nunn plays an active role as Head of Department of Geography at the University of the South Pacific, which serves 12 Pacific Island nations; and

Whereas, Professor Nunn has played a key role in understanding Holocene sea-level changes and climate variability and their effects on human migration and adaptation in Pacific Island environments; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Bishop Museum confers the *Herbert E. Gregory Medal* on **Patrick D. Nunn, Ph.D.** in recognition of his exceptional contribution to science and our understanding of Hawai'i and the Pacific.