



**NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE NAMING OF THE

JOEL AND DIANE BLOOM WELLNESS AND EVENTS CENTER

WHEREAS, Drs. Joel S. Bloom and Diane Bloom have served NJIT with great distinction for more than three decades, commencing with the former's arrival in 1990 as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Services, continuing through his historic role as the founding Dean of the Albert Dorman Honors College, and culminating with his outstanding and exemplary service as the eighth President of NJIT from September 2011 until his retirement and appointment as Emeritus President in June 2022;

WHEREAS, under Dr. Joel Bloom's visionary leadership as President and with Dr. Diane Bloom's active and unwavering support as First Lady, NJIT realized unprecedented growth and success, which notably included a 50 percent increase in student enrollment, the hiring of more than 175 new faculty members, the doubling of the university's annual research expenditures from \$80 million to more than \$160 million (which earned NJIT designation as a Carnegie Classification "R1 – very high research activity" institution), and the university's recognition both as a Top 100 National University by *U.S. News & World Report* and as the #1 university in the United States for student upward economic mobility by *The New York Times* and *Forbes*;

WHEREAS, during Dr. Bloom's presidency, NJIT expanded and transformed its campus, thanks to the successful cultivation, solicitation, and securing of hundreds of millions of dollars in capital funding from public and private sources, which enabled the university to add more than one million square feet of teaching, research, and student life facilities through the acquisition and renovation of Newark's historic Central High School, the creation of the Greek Village, and the construction of the Albert Dorman Honors College residence hall, the Life Sciences and Engineering Center, Makerspace, Maple Hall, and, most notably, the university's world-class, 220,000± square-foot multipurpose Wellness and Events Center;

WHEREAS, during Dr. Bloom's presidency, NJIT achieved a \$2.8 billion annual economic impact on the State of New Jersey, emerging as a leading source of STEM-educated

talent for New Jersey's workforce and propelling Newark's development as a hub of technology and innovation;

WHEREAS, during Dr. Bloom's presidency, NJIT expanded its regional presence through the creation of a satellite campus in Jersey City, established formal articulation agreements with 14 community colleges, and enlarged its global footprint through academic and research partnerships with institutions in Egypt, Israel, Italy, Germany, China, Zambia, and beyond;

WHEREAS, as leading advocates and enthusiastic ambassadors for New Jersey Institute of Technology, Drs. Joel and Diane Bloom have worked tirelessly and enthusiastically with the Board of Trustees, the Board of Overseers of the Foundation at NJIT, and the university's administration, faculty, alumni, friends, and corporate and community partners to enhance the life and reputation of NJIT as one of the nation's premier public polytechnic institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the university, its officers, and the entire NJIT community have been enriched by the vision, leadership, and dedication of Drs. Joel and Diane Bloom, and wish to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude for their extraordinary contributions and invaluable service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Board of Trustees of New Jersey Institute of Technology, on behalf of the entire university community, formally acknowledges and officially recognizes Dr. Joel S. Bloom and Dr. Diane Bloom for their visionary leadership, steadfast advocacy, and years of exemplary service to the university community;

THAT the Board of Trustees does hereby order that, from October 6, 2023 forward, the university's Wellness and Event Center shall be known as the "Joel and Diane Bloom Wellness and Events Center"; and

THAT this Resolution shall be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting of September 21, 2023, with a copy conveyed to Drs. Joel and Diane Bloom, as tangible evidence of its personal and official sentiment.

Robert C. Cohen '83, '84, '87
Chair, NJIT Board of Trustees

Holly C. Stern, Esq.
Secretary, NJIT Board of Trustees

September 21, 2023
Resolution No. _____