



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 9, 2012

**TO:** Charles De Leone  
Secretary, Academic Senate

**FROM:** Karen S. Haynes  
President

Emily F. Cutrer  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**SUBJECT:** Senate Resolution Honoring the Contributions of Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi

This is to acknowledge receipt of the resolution titled "Resolution Honoring the Contributions of Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi", passed at the Academic Senate meeting held on February 1, 2012 and documented as AS 368-11.

The Senate's resolution is a meaningful and fitting tribute to a respected colleague and cherished friend whose positive impact on our students and the university will be enduring. We echo and share the sentiments articulated in the resolution celebrating Radhika's life and mourning her untimely loss and extend to her colleagues in the Senate and the CSUSM Community our deepest sympathy.

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Attachment: Resolution

cc: Wayne Aitken, Chair, Academic Senate

**Resolution Honoring the Contributions of Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi**

WHEREAS, Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi played an integral role in the teaching and research activities of the university in her capacities as faculty member in the Department of Mathematics and Director of the Faculty Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi, from the earliest days of her career at California State University San Marcos, stepped up to take a leadership role in the life of the institution; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as mentor and role model for students, Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi shared her passion for mathematics by forming and advising the Hypatians (named for the famed female Greek mathematician Hypatia), a vibrant, vital campus organization focused on women in mathematics; and through her legacy, Dr. Ramamurthi's protégé Gina Sanders represents a new generation of women in mathematics as she continues teaching in CSUSM's Department of Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Through her initiative as a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics, Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi--with her can-do, no-nonsense style--revitalized the Department's Math Colloquium, designed the forthcoming minor in Actuarial Science, and contributed to the Department's ongoing program curriculum development and assessment; and

WHEREAS, As a scholar, Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi made significant contributions to the field of graph theory and, with her husband Dr. André Kündgen, organized a conference on graph theory that attracted leading scholars in the field from all over the world to the CSUSM campus; and

WHEREAS, As a colleague and academic Senator, Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi was committed to shared governance, never backed down from her principles, could be counted on to provide frank and unadorned opinions (always delivered passionately, yet eloquently), and whose turn of phrase and wit made her a natural NEAC Nag; and

WHEREAS, As Director of the Faculty Center, Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi showcased the faculty in the celebration of the University's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, while her infectious enthusiasm and warmth created a welcoming environment for all who entered the Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi's many contributions to the Faculty Center included developing the Implementing Technology Solutions in the Classroom initiative, creating the Diversity and Multicultural Faculty Fellow position, directing NCHCA and the Faculty Fellow Mentoring program, and diverse efforts to promote and highlight faculty scholarship and research; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi's commitment, tenacity, and zest for life persisted and she remained an engaged, passionate, and steadfast champion of the University and an inspiration

to all who knew and loved her even in the face of devastating illness and enormous personal struggle; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi, a loving wife to Andre and a devoted mother to Mira, admirably and unapologetically balanced her passionate devotion to both the University and her family; and

WHEREAS, Through her online presence, she so beautifully and honestly shared her strength, vulnerability, and humanity with those who loved her as we followed her on her journey; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of California State University San Marcos acknowledge the extraordinary contributions of Dr. Radhika Ramamurthi to this institution, through her exemplary achievement as a teacher-scholar, in her official roles as Director of the Faculty Center, Senator, and vital member of the Department of Mathematics, and through her leadership and service on numerous committees and initiatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate express its gratitude, not only for more than a decade of Dr. Ramamurthi's service, but also for the courage, passion, strength and commitment with which she served; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate honor the exemplary life of our colleague and dear friend Radhika, greatly mourn her untimely passing, and express profound sadness for the immeasurable loss this represents to our community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate extend its deepest sympathy to the family of our cherished colleague and friend whom we will miss dearly, and particularly to her husband and our colleague André and their brave daughter Mira, with whom we celebrate and fondly remember the bright light that was and will always remain Radhika.