Resolution from the PRIM&R Board of Directors to Jeffrey Cohen, PhD, CIP

Whereas Dr. Cohen founded and is currently the President of HRP Associates, Inc., a consulting firm that advises IRBs and provides training sessions on all aspects of human research protections including education, oversight, and accountability for IRB members, IRB staff, investigators, research staff, students and technicians; and

Whereas Prior to this professional endeavor, Dr. Cohen served for four years as director, division of education and development, in the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), and, prior to that time he served for twenty years as the associate director for research compliance and information management at the State University of New York, Albany; and

Whereas Dr. Cohen was the Applied Research Ethics National Association’s (ARENA) fifth president in 1990; and

Whereas Dr. Cohen oversaw membership growth from 250 to 340 members in 1990, a 36% increase from the previous year; and

Whereas Dr. Cohen served as co-chair of the first ARENA Long Range Planning Committee in 1992; and

Whereas Dr. Cohen helped plan many of PRIM&R’s and ARENA’s conferences, providing particularly critical leadership on the social, behavioral, and educational components of our curriculum; and

Whereas Dr. Cohen served on PRIM&R’s Council for Certification of IRB Professionals (CCIP) and is himself a Certified IRB Professional (CIP®); and

Whereas Dr. Cohen was the recipient of the ARENA Legacy Award in 2009; and

Whereas Dr. Cohen shared memories of his ARENA service by submitting the following note… “One of the most important things about ARENA was that it turned what I was doing from a job into a profession. For most of us, back then (and even now), working with the IRB was something that was assigned to us in addition to other duties…When ARENA was created, one of its primary goals was to professionalize IRB (and later IACUC) administration. For the first time, many of us began to see this as a career and a profession. For me, that not only changed the way that I approached my job but also the way that I saw myself. This was the vision of the founders and, as president, I worked to enhance and promote that professionalism;”

Therefore be it resolved that the PRIM&R Board of Directors and staff on this third day of December, 2011, do hereby convey their heartfelt appreciation and boundless gratitude to Dr. Cohen for his long, loyal, and distinguished service to both ARENA and PRIM&R.