Resolution from the PRIM&R Board of Directors to Marianne Elliott, MS, CIP

Whereas Ms. Elliott is currently a valued and highly experienced senior human subject protection scientist for the Army’s Medical Research and Materiel Command, Fort Detrick IRB Office; and

Whereas Ms. Elliott serves as the IRB Chair for the local Military Oncology IRB, at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and a central IRB for DoD-wide cancer research; and

Whereas prior to her work at the Army, Ms. Elliott served as the Program Manager and Subject Matter Expert for the Department of the Navy’s Human Research Protection Program; and

Whereas Ms. Elliott served as the original “plank owner” and vice chair of the Council for the Certification of IRB Professionals; and

Whereas Ms. Elliott was the Applied Research Ethics National Association’s (ARENA) eighteenth president in 2003; and

Whereas Ms. Elliott oversaw membership growth from 1,490 to 1,796 members in 2003, a 21% increase from the previous year; and

Whereas Ms. Elliott led the initiative to convert ARENA’s quarterly paper newsletter to an electronic format; and

Whereas during Ms. Elliott’s presidency, ARENA sponsored its largest ever IRB conference, developed an online membership directory, and implemented membership sub-committee and working groups; and

Whereas Ms. Elliott is known for her extraordinary organizational skills, her terrific work ethic, her commitment to advancing ARENA’s voice and reach, and her delicious homemade chocolate; and

Whereas when asked to describe her proudest achievement as ARENA President, Ms. Elliott wrote, “…there is no one (or more) achievement(s) that I would consider mine. The successes and achievements of ARENA have always belonged to the officers, the Council members, and the individual members of ARENA who served our organization from its small beginning through its growth spurt and to its final transformation. I was only one individual of many wonderful people who were ARENA;”

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