THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents September 18, 2014

Subject:

Facility Naming

Action

Requested:

Authorization to name the southeast Michigan Stadium tower in honor of Nathan

and Catherine Forbes

Background:

Nathan (AB '85) and Catherine Forbes are generous donors to the University of Michigan, providing funds to support the Varsity Tennis Center, Museum of Art, Al Glick Field House, Michigan Stadium, and Health System. In addition Catherine serves on the Museum of Art National Advisory Board and Nathan serves as chair of the Greater Detroit Campaign Leadership Council.

Through the Forbes Company, where Nathan Forbes is managing partner, the Forbes have been sponsors and underwriters of two very successful Maize and Blue Go Pink events that have raised awareness in the Greater Detroit area and funds to support breast cancer research in the University of Michigan Health System's Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Their most recent very generous gift supports capital purposes in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. The donors have requested that the amount of the gift be kept confidential.

We recommend that the Board of Regents designate the southeast tower in Michigan Stadium as the Cathy and Nate Forbes Tower, in compliance with the University's guidelines for naming facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

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