

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05

**RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE
ACT BOARD PROVIDING RECOGNITION AND PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BY UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S
MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION CLASS OF 2017**

WHEREAS, the University of Southern California's Master of Public Administration Class of 2017 has concluded its Public Policy and Development Capstone Project;

WHEREAS, the University of Southern California's Master of Public Administration Capstone Class of 2017 has compiled a thorough analysis of the California ABLE Act Board's establishment as a new state agency;

WHEREAS, Professor Robert Denhardt provided exceptional leadership to this world-class project of unprecedented scale, which will hopefully be used as a national model for innovative private-public partnerships;

WHEREAS, twenty-five Graduate Students divided themselves into five workgroups to conduct focused research to help the California ABLE Act Board provide innovative Policy, Governance, Finance, Outreach, and Performance Management strategies;

WHEREAS, the Capstone Class of 2017 provided the California ABLE Act Board with recommendations and work product that the Board did not have the resources to develop, thereby providing a public service to the Board and to Californians with disabilities eligible for CalABLE accounts;

WHEREAS, the Capstone Class of 2017 focused on assisting people with disabilities who are low-income, and provided recommendations that will enable eligible low-income individuals and families to participate in the CalABLE program; and

WHEREAS, the University of Southern California's Master of Public Administration Class of 2017 is deserving at this time of special recognition and commendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California ABLE Act Board does hereby recognize and commend the University of Southern California's Master of Public Administration Class of 2017 for their distinguished service and dedication in completing the Capstone Project and wish them an exciting journey in their careers in public administration.

Attest: _____
Chairperson

Date of Adoption: May 2, 2017