AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. **NAME OF ITEM:** Establishment of the Barbara Wheatland Assistant Professorship of Geospatial Innovation, UM

2. **INITIATED BY:** James H. Page, Chancellor

3. **BOARD INFORMATION:**

   **BOARD ACTION:** X

4. **BACKGROUND:**

   The Barbara Wheatland Assistant Professorship of Geospatial Innovation was established at the University of Maine in 2013 with a generous gift of $250,000 to be paid in five annual installments from the Maine Timberland Charitable Trust.

   This gift enables the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture to recruit a tenure-eligible faculty member in the School of Forest Resources. This individual will develop a research program in geospatial analysis as it relates to advancing the management of forestlands, and will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in geospatial analysis. Moreover, this individual will oversee all educational and research activities in the Barbara Wheatland Geospatial Analysis Laboratory.

   Nominations for the Wheatland Assistant Professorship shall be recommended to the Provost and then forwarded to the President of the University of Maine. The appointment shall be for a term of five years (2014 through 2018).

   The fund shall be administered by the Dean of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture.

5. **TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

   That the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of the Barbara Wheatland Assistant Professorship of Geospatial Innovation.