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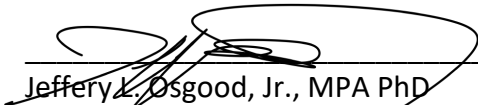
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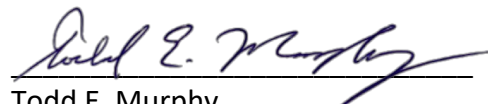
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- i. Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other for death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the Commonwealth's or University's rights, claims or defenses which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this contract. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education or the University.
- j. Binding Signatures and Counterparts. For the purpose of this Agreement, a copy of the party's original signature shall be considered to be an original signature; and as such shall be sufficient to bind such parties. Provided that all parties hereto execute a copy of this Agreement, this Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- k. This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regards to this relationship.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

Date 9/15/21

Paul McCarthy

Date 9/15/01

Sean Vereen, President

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