December 16, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Trustees of Michigan State University

From: Trustee Committee on Academic Affairs

Subject: Establishment of Charles Stewart Mott Department of Public Health

RECOMMENDATION
The Trustee Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of the Charles Stewart Mott Department of Public Health at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

RESOLUTION
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby approves the establishment of the Charles Stewart Mott Department of Public Health at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

BACKGROUND
Several years ago, the Division of Public Health was founded in the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine with the express purpose of becoming a national leader in community-partnered public health research, education, community engagement, and service, with the proximal and sustained goal of improving the health of Flint-area residents. Establishing the Division of Public Health has been transformative for Flint and for public health regionally and nationally. In December 2021, the Mott Foundation board approved and funded a $25 million proposal for the Division of Public Health to add 18 tenure stream faculty and additional support for a new expansion of space by adding a new wing on the Flint Journal Building. The Division of Public Health will therefore be larger and more complex than many existing departments at the College of Human Medicine and the University. To best enable continued upward growth in research, education, and service as well as support faculty, and continue the unit’s leadership in the community and field, the members of the division, with the support of the dean and the executive vice president, the University will convert the Division of Public Health to the Charles Stewart Mott Department of Public Health.

cc: Board of Trustees, T. Woodruff, T. Jeitschko, N. Beauchamp, K. Wilbur, B. Quinn, M. Zeig, M. Woo, L. Frace