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**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Jeffrey W. Cannell  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment of George R. Hearst III to the Board of the Archives Partnership Trust  
**DATE:** April 5, 2011  
**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goals 4 and 5  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Consent Agenda**

Appointment of George R. Hearst III to the Board of the Archives Partnership Trust.

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State Statute (L1992, Chapter 758, Archives Partnership Trust Act).

#### **Proposed Handling**

This item will come before the full Board at the April meeting for decision.

#### **Procedural History**

The New York State Archives Partnership Trust Act gives the Board of Regents four (4) appointments to the Trust Board. The current Regents appointments are: Ms. Barbara A. Brinkley, Dr. Kimberly Gilmore, and Mr. Harold Holzer. Mr. Hearst is being proposed for appointment to a three-year term.

#### **Background Information**

The Archives Partnership Trust is a 501 (c) (3), public benefit corporation for the sole benefit of the New York State Archives. The Trust provides private funds, services and support to sustain the excellence of the State Archives, particularly in the areas of education, public programs and preservation to ensure that one of New York's most valuable cultural assets is available for future generations. The Trust is governed by a

Board of leading citizens, appointed by the Governor, Legislature and the Board of Regents. It is requested that George R. Hearst III be appointed to a three-year term beginning on April 5, 2011.

**George R. Hearst III**, of Menands, New York, is a fifth generation California native, who moved to the Capital Region in the fall of 1989 to join the Times Union Newspaper, of which he is now Publisher. In his professional life, Mr. Hearst has, over the last decade, been instrumental in leading several multi-million dollar capital renewal campaigns, including the implementation of digital publishing standards and content systems at the Times Union. Involved in Capital District philanthropic pursuits, Mr. Hearst is an active board member for several local organizations covering health and human services, education and cultural arts. He recently chaired the very successful Heritage Campaign for the Albany Institute of History and Art, and serves on the boards of St Peter's Hospital, University at Albany Foundation, Inc., Double H - Hole in the Woods Ranch and the Community Foundation for the Capital Region. Mr. Hearst is a graduate of Pepperdine University and is the recipient of numerous distinguished service awards for his community work. Mr. Hearst has served on the Trust Board as an appointee of the Senate Majority Leader and is currently the Board's Vice Chair.

#### Recommendation

The Regents should approve the appointment of George R. Hearst III to the Board of the Archives Partnership Trust for a three year term, commencing April 5, 2011.

#### Timetable for Implementation

Immediate.