

Voluntary Compensation Reduction Letter of Acknowledgement

I, Gerald C. Blazey, acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. For the time period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (“Fiscal Year 2021”), my annual base salary will be voluntarily reduced to \$229,154.00, payable in accordance with Northern Illinois University’s payroll policies and procedures, with applicable deductions or withholdings as required by law and regulations. I may only terminate my voluntary base salary reduction at the end of any month during Fiscal Year 2021, so that it will not apply to base salary subsequently earned, by providing at least thirty (30) days written notice to Northern Illinois University.

2. Benefits and retirement contributions that are based on earnings will be impacted by the salary reduction.

3. This Letter of Acknowledgment may subject me to the Government Severance Pay Act (5 ILCS 415/), and I understand that if termination without cause occurs under Article VI of my Employment Agreement with the Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University effective May 16, 2017 (“Employment Agreement”), pay provided to me may not exceed an amount greater than twenty (20) weeks of compensation. Severance pay is prohibited due to termination for misconduct, as defined by the Government Severance Pay Act.

4. All other terms and conditions of my Employment Agreement remain in full force and effect.

I affirm that I acknowledge and agree to the terms of as stated above.

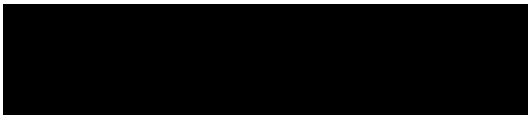
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Gerald C. Blazey

20 June 2020

Date

Approved by:



Dr. Lisa C. Freeman, President

June 22, 2020

Date