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**REQUEST FOR A NAME CHANGE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN, FAMILY, AND
CONSUMER SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to change the name of the Department of Design, Family, and Consumer Sciences to the Department of Design, Textiles, Gerontology, and Family Studies.

Executive Summary: The proposed name will more appropriately reflect the academic programs within the department and will communicate more clearly the academic programs offered by the department to prospective and current students, and the general public.

Background on Name Change:

- The current name dates to a time when Family and Consumer Sciences Education was a major component of the department. However, that program was eliminated more than ten years ago.
- Current programs, including Textiles and Apparel as well as Gerontology, are not reflected in the department name. The department seeks approval to incorporate the existing academic program titles into the department name for the purpose of enhancing the marketability of the programs.
- The proposed name parallels that of a similar unit at ISU, representing a combination of disciplines within a single department.
- This request has been reviewed by the Council of Provosts and the Board Office. There are no objections to the name change – it is consistent with similar departments in peer institutions.