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ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

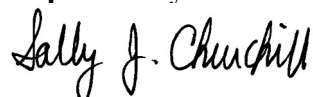
**Alan Sugar, M.D.**, professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2023.

Dr. Sugar received his B.A. degree in 1967 and his M.D. degree in 1969 from the University of Michigan. He completed an internship in internal medicine at the University of Michigan in 1970 and a residency in ophthalmology at Washington University in St. Louis in 1974, where he served as graduate chief resident. He completed a fellowship in corneal transplantation at the University of Florida in 1975. He earned an M.S. degree in clinical research design and statistics from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 1988. He joined the faculty of the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York City in 1975 and rose to associate professor of ophthalmology in 1979. He joined the faculty of the University of Michigan Medical School in 1979 as an associate professor with tenure, and was promoted to professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences in 1984.

Dr. Sugar served as associate/vice-chair of the ophthalmology department from 1993-2022. Clinically he specialized in anterior segment ocular surgery and was an internationally known expert in corneal transplantation. His research in this area led to 239 peer-reviewed publications, six books, and 57 book chapters. He has been on the editorial boards of leading journals and was the associate editor of *Ophthalmology* from 1990-1994 and editor-in-chief of *Cornea*, the leading journal in his field, from 2012-2019. He served on numerous committees for the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the Eye Bank Association of America, and the Cornea Society. He received the R. Townley Paton Award from the Eye Bank Association of America and the Castroviejo Medal Award from the Cornea Society, the highest honors awarded in his subspecialty. He served as president of the Cornea Society from 2004-2006. He served on a Food and Drug Administration advisory panel from 1989-1996. He has trained numerous ophthalmology residents and has mentored one or two cornea fellows each year since 1981. He has served the medical school as a member of the Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects Research (IRBMED) since 2001 and has been co-chair since 2011. He was the department DEI lead from 2016-2018, and continues to serve on the DEI committee and the Minority Ophthalmology Pipeline Committee.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Alan Sugar, professor emeritus of ophthalmology and visual sciences**.

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