The Senate and the Executive Committee of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev hereby resolve to honor
Justice Prof. Ahmad Natour

In acknowledgement of an eminent and visionary jurist, an ardent champion of human rights, who has left an enduring mark on Sharia law in Israel; with esteem for an erudite Qadi and scholar, who in his many years as President of the High Sharia Court of Appeals worked to develop Israel’s Islamic courts by initiating profound reforms and transforming them into a modern legal system accessible to all people; with sincere appreciation for the dedication and sensitivity with which he assisted countless families and administered the affairs of the Islamic Waqf and judicial appointments; in homage to a venerable educator, role model to generations of students, for his extensive service to the public, including as Chairman of the Public Council for Special Education for Arabs, Honorary President of the Interfaith Council of Israel, and a member of many diverse organizations devoted to civil rights and to fostering Arabic language and culture; and with deep gratitude for his valiant and unrelenting efforts to safeguard the status of women and children, and for his longstanding commitment to promoting tolerance and understanding across Israeli society, for the benefit of all,

by conferring upon him the degree of

Doctor Philosophiae Honoris Causa

With all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto

May 21, 2019

Alexander M. Goren
Chairman of the Board of Governors

Prof. Daniel Chamovitz
President