Joint Declaration

by Hofstra University and North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System for The Development of a Medical School

WHEREAS, Hofstra University ("Hofstra") and North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System ("North Shore-LIJ"), have agreed to be partners in the development of a medical school (the "Medical School") that would serve as a center of excellence for both Hofstra and North Shore-LIJ, enhancing the quality of service and reputation of each; and

WHEREAS, Hofstra and North Shore-LIJ will join in a collaborative effort by combining their respective strengths and expertise to develop the Medical School, with each sharing responsibility for its mission and success, and with the relationship intended to be perpetual and of an unlimited duration; and

WHEREAS, the Medical School, created as a separate administrative unit of Hofstra, shall be known initially as the Hofstra University School of Medicine in partnership with North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System; and

WHEREAS, the founding vision of Hofstra and North Shore-LIJ is rooted in their desire to provide a superior experience and environment to educate the next generation of health professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, on this the 26th Day of March, 2008, Hofstra and North Shore-LIJ have entered into a Joint Academic Agreement to establish the Medical School, whose graduates will have mastered the scientific basis of medicine, will become caring physicians and who will accept the privileges and responsibilities of the profession and be dedicated to improving the health of the entire community and excellence through life-long learning.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Joint Declaration this March 26, 2008:

Hofstra University

By ____________________________
John D. Miller, Chairman, Board of Trustees

North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, Inc.

By ____________________________
Saul B. Katz, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Stuart Rabinowitz, President

Michael J. Dowling, President and Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Lawrence Smith
Founding Dean and Chief Medical Officer