WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has been selected by the United States Olympic Committee as the Applicant City for international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and

WHEREAS, the Olympic and Paralympic Games symbolize the essence of the human spirit, and Chicago 2016 and the United States Olympic Committees are committed to bringing the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games to the City of Chicago for the benefit of all and to inspire harmony locally, nationally and globally; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practiced with mutual understanding of the spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play; and

WHEREAS, Chicago, a city and region known for its cultural diversity, history and international community, is prepared and eager to be the ambassadors to the visiting Olympic athletes from across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the hosting of the Olympic and Paralympic Games will bring economic development opportunities and infrastructure improvements that will benefit our communities well into the future; and

WHEREAS, City Colleges of Chicago in support of bringing the 2016 games to Chicago has proactively aligned its vocational programs to meet the changing needs of the more globally focused business community in order to provide our students with the education they will require to compete in society; and

WHEREAS, the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Chicago would provide a magnificent experience for athletes, the Olympic family, spectators, residents and the global viewing audience by celebrating the Games in the center of the City and throughout the metropolitan region in the midst of millions of people who are passionate about sports and international camaraderie, which will create an energetic spirit inside and outside of the venues;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508 hereby pledges its support to the City of Chicago and Chicago 2016 as we compete for the privilege to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

August 6, 2009 – Office of Academic Affairs