

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

RESOLUTION

**AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT RESTAURANT OPERATIONS
FOR THE WASHBURNE CULINARY INSTITUTE**

WHEREAS, the Washburne Culinary Institute offers high quality, competency based education through Certificate and Associate Degree programs that prepare our students with skills for immediate employment; offers a culturally and ethnically diverse learning environment that is responsive to the needs of students, staff and Chicago's foodservice and hospitality industry; offers continuing education in culinary baking and pastry arts and sciences at the South Shore Cultural Center and at the Kennedy-King College campus; affords professionals and food enthusiasts the opportunity for career advancement and cultural enrichment, and serves the needs of the community, industry, and workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Washburne Culinary Institute in conjunction with the Friends of Washburne, a not-for-profit organization, operates the Parrot Cage Restaurant at the South Shore Cultural Center and the SIKIA restaurant at the Kennedy-King College for the following purposes: (1) as a lab to provide actual hands-on kitchen and hospitality experience for students as required by the culinary program's curriculum and (2) as a restaurant for public consumption ; and

WHEREAS, the sales revenue from the public consumption of the restaurants are accounted for in an enterprise fund; and

WHEREAS, there is a demand and a need for both the Parrot Cage Restaurant and the SIKIA restaurant to serve alcoholic beverages to sustain their viability as full-service restaurants; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Washburne, a not-for-profit organization, has secured the liquor license that is used for the benefit of the Washburne Culinary Institute - Parrot Cage and has an application pending for the SIKIA restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Washburne would purchase the alcoholic beverages inventory for the Parrot Cage and the SIKIA restaurants and would need reimbursement for the cost; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the transfer of funds from the Enterprise account to the Friends of Washburne to cover the cost of the liquor inventory for an amount not to exceed \$ 60,000 annually.

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