WHEREAS, Malcolm X College educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), and the Illinois Board of Higher Education;

WHEREAS, an application for permanent approval of all City Colleges of Chicago Associate Degree in Nursing, Practical Nursing, Basic Nursing Assistant Programs have been received and have been appropriately reviewed for submission;

WHEREAS, the new City Colleges of Chicago School of Nursing to be located at Malcolm X College will build on the best practices across all nursing programs and combine instructional talent and resources such as a virtual hospital, state of the art technology, exposure to teacher practitioners from leading healthcare employers and access to clinical rotations at major hospitals and healthcare providers;

WHEREAS, the City Colleges of Chicago School of Nursing at Malcolm X College goal will continue to be to deliver exceptional educational opportunities to a culturally and ethnically diverse population of students at City Colleges of Chicago while striving to enhance student’s knowledge, application of skill, improve collaborate service learning and promote life-long learning by providing a broad range of quality, affordable courses, programs, and service to prepare students with credentials of economic value;

WHEREAS, this program: 1) is a stackable College to Careers Healthcare pathway program sequence; 2) meets the Illinois Community College Board standard for submission for approval of career and technical education programs; and 3) was developed through a collaborative effort of faculty and industry partnerships, ensuring student learning outcomes are reflective of employer needs; and

WHEREAS, employment for the Registered Nurse (RN) in the State of Illinois continues to indicate the projected demand for RNs will exceed the supply. The estimated job growth (faster than average at 19%) will be in the acute care, long-term care and community-based care settings. The labor market data for the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) continues to indicate a probable surplus of qualified applicants. Future job opportunities will be replacement needs concentrated in the long-term care and community-based care fields. Employment of nursing assistants continues to indicate a projected demand; many nursing assistants will be needed in long-term care facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, hereby approves the submission of this program for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College Board and Illinois Board of Higher Education.