RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO STATUS
AS A WELCOMING CAMPUS FOR ALL STUDENTS
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, City Colleges of Chicago is committed to creating and maintaining safe and welcoming teaching and learning environments for all City Colleges students, faculty and staff;

WHEREAS, any unlawful discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, age, religion, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, pregnancy, order of protection status, disability, genetic information, military status, or status as a member of any other protected class under federal, state, or city law is a violation of the City Colleges of Chicago Equal Opportunity Policy and Complaint Procedures;

WHEREAS, 178 countries besides the United States are represented among the City Colleges of Chicago student body;

WHEREAS, City Colleges of Chicago does not inquire about applicants’ or students’ citizenship or immigration status;

WHEREAS, the City Colleges of Chicago Star Scholarship and many other scholarships are open to students regardless of immigration status;

WHEREAS, City Colleges of Chicago’s adult education programs and dual credit/dual enrollment programs are available for free regardless of immigration status;

WHEREAS, “immigration status” refers to the categories and classifications as defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Department of Education;

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has a Welcoming City Ordinance, memorialized in Chapter 2-173 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, Cook County, Illinois, hereby officially endorses the City of Chicago Welcoming City Ordinance;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, Cook County, Illinois, hereby declares that any unlawful discrimination or harassment on the basis of immigration status with respect to hire, terms and conditions of employment, continued employment, admissions, or participation in Board programs, services, or activities violates the policies and procedures of the Board of Trustees.

December 1, 2016 – Office of the Board of Trustees