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

RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAM
BASIC CERTIFICATE IN CYBERSECURITY
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
DISTRICT WIDE

WHEREAS, new educational certificate programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508 and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB); and

WHEREAS, the Basic Certificate in Cybersecurity is already offered at Wilbur Wright College; and

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the Basic Certificate in Cybersecurity at Richard J. Daley College, Harold Washington College, Harry S Truman College, Kennedy-King College, Malcolm X College, and Olive-Harvey College has been received and has been appropriately reviewed by members of the Joint Curriculum Development Committee for submission; and

WHEREAS, in our increasingly digital world, governments, corporations, and individuals rely on the safe storage and transmission of sensitive data, which is under ever-evolving risk of malicious cybersecurity breaches. Companies rely on cybersecurity professionals to protect their data; and

WHEREAS, shortages of cybersecurity professionals and rapidly changing technologies have led companies to embrace sub-baccalaureate training as a key talent pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the composing courses of the Basic Certificate in Cybersecurity offer the complete skill set for students to serve as IT security analysts and provide a valuable enhancement for other IT programs currently offered at City Colleges of Chicago. Cook County labor market data shows 193 annual openings for Information Security Analysts, with projected growth of nearly 19% over the next ten years as well as entry-level hourly earnings of $29.45/hour, with median hourly earnings of $47.95/hour.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, Cook of County and State of Illinois, hereby approves the submission of this program for permanent approval, pending the final approval of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02 and the approval of the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB).

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