WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB); and

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Basic Certificate in Racial Healing Practitioner has been received and is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Racial Healing Practitioner Program will prepare students for employment as entry-level facilitators for racial healing circles. While CCC currently offers the facilitator training in Continuing Education, the Basic Certificate will enable students to acquire a foundation in concepts related to systemic racism as well as the facilitation of youth and adult racial healing circles grounded in a training framework focused on narrative change, racial healing and relationship building, separation, law, and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Racial Healing Practitioner Program stacks seamlessly into CCC’s existing Social Work: Generalist degree program at Kennedy-King College, allowing students to earn a credential as they explore a career in Social Work; and

WHEREAS, the Racial Healing Practitioner Program further positions CCC as an institution committed to combating racist behaviors and structures, while training students on effective techniques to address the personal experiences and healing of those affected by the detrimental implications associated with racism; and

WHEREAS, the Racial Healing Practitioner Program will prepare facilitators to lead racial healing circles and to work as social and human services assistants with agencies that offer group counselling interventions, with a unique and timely focus on dealing with topics of racial justice and healing.
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, pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

June 3, 2021 – Office of Academic and Student Affairs