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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
February 2, 2023

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

RESOLUTION

TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR AND KENNEDY-KING COLLEGE

WHEREAS, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) is made up of more than 3.75 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations, with approximately 225,000 active members and 3,100 advisors. PTK is recognized as the official honor society for associate degree-granting colleges by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). PTK's programs offer ways for students to improve their success both personally and professionally through leadership development, team-building experiences, service learning, and curriculum that teaches advocacy, life skills, transfer, and career preparation; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy-King College, as part of the City Colleges of Chicago, delivers exceptional learning opportunities and educational services for diverse student populations in Chicago. The college enhances knowledge, understanding, skills, collaboration, community service and life-long learning by providing a broad range of quality, affordable courses, programs, and services to prepare students for success in a technologically advanced and increasingly interdependent global society. Kennedy-King College works proactively to eliminate barriers to employment and to address and overcome casual factors underlying socio-economic disparities and inequities of access and graduation in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Phi Theta Kappa received a \$3,000,000, three-year grant which aims to provide recognition and increase student success (transfer and completion rates) of high-achieving Black and Latinx students by providing high-quality learning experiences and wrap-around services that include PTK Advisor Training; student membership fees; technical assistance in the development of an Honors course for PTK members; travel and conference expenses for students and advisors to attend the annual national PTK convention; transfer and career coaching; and institutional research and assessment support related to the grant-funded activities; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy-King College was selected by Phi Theta Kappa as one of 17 two-year public community colleges to receive funding in an amount up to \$250,000 in services and reimbursements over three years to support Kennedy-King College in appointing sufficient PTK advisors; submitting lists of eligible students; hosting twice-annual induction ceremonies; establishing a credit- or noncredit-bearing PTK Honors Course; and assessing student outcomes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, hereby authorize the Chair, upon final approval of the General Counsel as to the legal form of such an agreement, to execute an agreement with Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society to provide Kennedy-King College up to \$250,000 in services and reimbursements over three years for the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025.

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