## 34842 ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508 JULY 20, 2023

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

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION OF KAREN KENT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**WHEREAS,** Karen Kent has served on the Board of Trustees of the City Colleges of Chicago since August 1, 2015;

**WHEREAS,** during her time as a trustee, Karen Kent has served with distinction, including previously serving as Chair of the Board of Trustees;

**WHEREAS**, Karen Kent demonstrated wisdom and initiative which inspired her fellow trustees;

**WHEREAS,** Karen Kent provided exceptional leadership during the COVID-19 Pandemic, which helped City Colleges of Chicago thrive during a once in a lifetime challenge;

WHEREAS, during her service as a trustee, the City Colleges of Chicago implemented significant initiatives, including the introduction of the Centers of Excellence, the Star Scholarship, increased opportunities for dual credit and dual enrollment classes, high school equivalency programs, adult education and continuing education classes, as well as the completion of major capital projects including the new Malcolm X College, the Manufacturing Technology Engineering Center at Richard J. Daley College, and the Transportation Distribution Logistics Center at Olive-Harvey College; and

**WHEREAS,** Karen Kent dedicated countless hours at each of the seven City Colleges and five satellite locations, meeting with faculty, staff, students, and administrators; and

**WHEREAS,** Karen Kent tirelessly advocated for the City Colleges of Chicago across the State of Illinois.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT** RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, assemble this thirteenth day of July 2023 and, along with the Chancellor and the City Colleges of Chicago community, hereby formally commend and recognize the contributions of Karen Kent and her unwavering commitment to the goals and mission of the City Colleges of Chicago along with her years of service to the citizens of the City of Chicago and extends its deep and abiding appreciation to Karen Kent; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Resolution will be presented to Karen Kent as a symbol of the Board's honor, thanks, and respect.

July 13, 2023 – The Office of the Board of Trustees