## 35169 ADOPTED-BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508 JULY 11, 2024

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

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION OF LARITZA LOPEZ THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**WHEREAS**, Laritza Lopez has served on the Board of Trustees of the City Colleges of Chicago since June 22, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** over the course of her dedicated service, Laritza Lopez has demonstrated leadership and strong governance; and

WHEREAS, Laritza Lopez, in her role as Trustee, served as a board liaison to Wilbur Wright College, during such time that the college was recognized with the Seal of Excelencia by Excelencia in Education for its unwavering commitment to intentionally serve Latino students, while serving all; and

WHEREAS, during her term on the Board, City Colleges has established itself as a leader among community colleges as it launched the Chicago Roadmap, a national model of a K-12—community college partnership with the Chicago Public Schools, launched a five-year Strategic Framework and College Strategic Plans, launched Future Ready, a free college program for students in pursuit of indemand short-term credentials, launched the Fresh Start debt forgiveness program, grew in-demand programs in information technology, early childhood education, engineering and more, expanded students supports, managed successfully through a once in a lifetime COVID pandemic and achieved post-pandemic enrollment growth exceeding state and national averages, among other efforts; and

WHEREAS, Laritza Lopez is a tireless advocate for the City Colleges of Chicago;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, along with the Chancellor and the rest of the City Colleges of Chicago community, recognize Laritza Lopez for her years of service to the district and the citizens of the City of Chicago and extend their heartfelt thanks for her leadership and deep commitment.

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