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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508

MARCH 7, 2024

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

**RESOLUTION
OF APPRECIATION OF DARRELL A. WILLIAMS
THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, Darrell A. Williams has served on the Board of Trustees of the City Colleges of Chicago since December 2018; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his dedicated service, Darrell A. Williams has served as a member of the Board of Trustees, Chair of the Finance and Administrative Services Committee, and as a director on the City Colleges of Chicago Foundation Board demonstrating leadership, stewardship, and initiative; and

WHEREAS, Darrell A. Williams as a Trustee and Chair of the Finance and Administrative Services Committee has provided exceptional fiduciary and governance leadership, supporting City Colleges' strong financial progress; and

WHEREAS, Darrell A. Williams as a board liaison to Harold Washington College has provided insight on the exploration of the business curriculum and entrepreneur programs, and invaluable support for Harold Washington College; and

WHEREAS, during his term 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 in-demand 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, Darrell A. Williams provided a Commencement address to City Colleges associate degree earners and their families, celebrating City Colleges students' success; and

WHEREAS, Darrell A. Williams 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 Darrell A. Williams for his years of service to the district and the citizens of the City of Chicago and extend their heartfelt thanks for his leadership and deep commitment.

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

March 7, 2024 - The Office of the Board of Trustees