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

RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS
LICENSED CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIFERY ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
KENNEDY-KING COLLEGE

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

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago A.A.S. in Licensed Certified Professional Midwifery (LCPM) Program has been received and appropriately reviewed by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Licensed Certified Professional Midwifery AAS is to address a critical and persistent gap in equitable maternal health care on Chicago's South Side and throughout Illinois, where maternal mortality and morbidity rates are significantly higher than national averages, particularly among Black and Brown communities; and

WHEREAS, the Licensed Certified Professional Midwifery AAS program is built upon nationally recognized professional standards for midwifery education and practice, ensuring graduates are prepared to deliver high-quality, culturally congruent care in diverse community settings; and

WHEREAS, the development of this program is the result of a robust partnership between Kennedy-King College and the Black Midwives Collective, working together to design and implement an educational pathway that responds directly to the needs and strengths of Chicago's communities and supports the growth of a diverse, community-based midwifery workforce; and

WHEREAS, Illinois faces a critical shortage of Licensed Certified Professional Midwives, with no educational programs currently operating in the state despite the closure of multiple hospital obstetric units and rising demand for community-based birth care; establishing this degree program will expand access to safe, equitable care and strengthen the workforce needed to serve thousands of families across the city and state.

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 the A.A.S. in Licensed Certified Professional Midwifery at Kennedy-King College for permanent

approval by the Illinois Community College Board and Illinois Board of Higher Education, pending completion of the Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

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