

**RESOLUTION
HONORING THE 40th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Illinois' Community College Act was signed into law on July 15, 1965, creating the Illinois Community College System; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' Community College System comprises 39 Districts containing 48 campuses that provide educational programs and services to more than one million people a year;

WHEREAS, the Illinois Community College System is the third largest system of community colleges in the nation;

WHEREAS, each of the 48 campuses are unique in that their mission is to provide comprehensive educational programs and services based on student and community needs; they all share a common mission, to provide high quality, affordable, accessible higher education to all of Illinois' citizens; and

WHEREAS, every citizen in Illinois is served by a community college district; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the act in 1965, more than 18 million students have passed through community college doors on their way to a more profitable, more enlightened and more fulfilling quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the average earning of someone with an Associate Degree is 34 percent higher than one with just a High School Diploma; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Community System is a comprehensive educational experience, providing academic instruction, adult education and workforce development, a globalization force, and continuing lifelong learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the community colleges of Illinois are known for their unique capability in being responsive to the ever-changing environment in meeting educational and training needs.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Illinois Community College Trustees Association that the community college system celebrates its 40th anniversary; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Illinois Community College Trustees Association congratulate and commend the community colleges of Illinois for becoming the largest segment of higher education in Illinois, and for accomplishing the mission and values placed forth in the Illinois Community College Act of 1965 for the past 40 years.

***Unanimously adopted by the ICCTA Board of Representatives
on June 18, 2005, in Chicago, Illinois.***