WHEREAS, Mr. Dennis Keller was hired as a full-time music faculty member in February 1985, achieved the rank of Professor, and retired in May 2014, and

WHEREAS, he created and coordinated many music courses which assisted the Department in offering a full palette of vocal and choral music instruction, and

WHEREAS, he was an effective instructor of general education music classes, which helped students learn about music and develop appreciation for this art form, and

WHEREAS, he created the Ohlone Chamber Singers, one of the premier adult choirs in the East Bay, and served as music director for over 25 years,

WHEREAS, he took the Singers on seven tours to Europe, performing in great cathedrals and churches, and

WHEREAS, he also led the choir on a performing trip to China, as well as later serving as coordinator of international faculty exchanges, and

WHEREAS, he served as Vocal Director for many SummerFest performances over the years, and

WHEREAS, he was one of the major contributors in the planning stages of the Gary Soren Smith Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, and

WHEREAS, he served as director of Ohlone’s Program Review process,

WHEREAS, he served for two terms as co-chair of the College Council, and

WHEREAS, he developed a reputation among students as being an inspirational teacher and caring advisor, and

WHEREAS, he served as a trusted colleague and strategic guide for the music department, and

WHEREAS, he was seen by his colleagues as a gifted leader and spokesman;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation for his contributions to students and colleagues through teaching and leadership, and that the Board of Trustees expresses sincere good wishes to Mr. Dennis Keller henceforth; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees confers upon Mr. Dennis Keller the title of Professor Emeritus of Music, of Ohlone College.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 11th day of February, 2015.

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Gari Browning, Ph.D., President/Superintendent
Ohlone Community College District
County of Alameda, State of California