WHEREAS, Ms. Yvette Niccolls is a master teacher—serving as an excellent role model for both adjunct and full time faculty in the sciences beginning in August of 1998. Her effective use of models and demonstrations brought theory to life for her students, and

WHEREAS, her commitment to stimulating awareness about and interest in the sciences was evidenced by her successful efforts in coordinating such division and campus-wide programs as the Friday Science Seminars where hundreds of students and other members of the college community attended monthly seminars offered by Ohlone’s faculty, student interns and industry representatives, and

WHEREAS, her successful coordination of the NASA-Ohlone Science Seminar Series offered every fall semester, where hundreds of students of all ages, their parents and other members of the community gathered to hear eminent NASA scientists and engineers present current information on many space-exploration missions, and

WHEREAS, her work as the Coordinator of Biotechnology Internships, Yvette worked closely with industry representatives to place our students temporary work internships where they applied theory and lab skills learned to real-world situations, and

WHEREAS, her role as Division Science Coordinator, she assisted the dean and faculty in many ways, such as with the adjunct faculty evaluation process and the conversion to, and use of CurricUNET for the course approval and program review processes, and

WHEREAS, she developed a unique chemistry course that met the needs of biotechnology and pre-nursing students, and served as an important prerequisite for Ohlone’s Microbiology and Human Anatomy and Physiology courses, and she worked closely with the faculty teaching this course to maintain the course’s goals and integrity. Yvette also introduced this course to several local high schools where it is now part of the Ohlone concurrent enrollment program, and

WHEREAS, her kind, warm, sincere nature toward students, faculty, staff, and administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses appreciation for her contributions and high level of performance, and that the Board of Trustees expresses sincere good wishes to Ms. Yvette Niccolls henceforth; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees confers upon Ms. Yvette Niccolls the title of Professor Emeritus of Chemistry of Ohlone College.

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

Gari Browning, Ph.D., President/Superintendent
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