WHEREAS, The Ohlone Community College District has one of the largest populations of Deaf students, faculty and staff among colleges and universities in the world; and

WHEREAS, Fremont is also the home of one of the largest schools for the Deaf in the world, the California School for the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Deaf community is recognized as one of the most vibrant and dynamic Deaf communities in the world; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated as Deaf Awareness Month by the National Association of the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, the last week of September has been designated as the International Week of the Deaf by the World Federation of the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, the last Sunday of September has been designated as the International Day of Signed Languages by the World Federation of the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, the Ohlone Community College District continues its commitment toward a fully inclusive community at Ohlone College; and

WHEREAS, the Ohlone Community College District recognizes and embraces the Deaf community as one of the unique cultural groups that contributes to the dynamic and vibrant college environment on campus; and

WHEREAS, the Ohlone Community College District is proud of its world-wide reputation of excellence in providing post-secondary opportunities to Deaf students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohlone Community College District Board of Trustees proudly participates in the celebration of Deaf Awareness Month, the International Week of the Deaf, and the International Day of Signed Languages and encourages all faculty, staff, and students to promote and join in the appropriate celebrations and observances throughout the College District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 9th day of September, 2015.

Gari Browning, Ph.D., President/Superintendent
Ohlone Community College District
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Greg Bonaccorsi, Chair, Board of Trustees
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