WHEREAS, The Fremont-Newark Junior College District (subsequently named Fremont-Newark Community College District and currently named Ohlone Community College District) was established by a vote of the people of Fremont and Newark, California, on December 7, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Classes were first offered beginning in September of 1967, at the temporary campus site at the Serra Center on Washington Boulevard, making September of 2017 the 50th anniversary of the start of class offerings; and

WHEREAS, The District and College bear the name Ohlone in honor of the historical legacy of the Ohlone people and the celebration of a half century offers the opportunity to reassert that heritage; and

WHEREAS, The first graduating class received their degrees in June of 1968, making the graduations ceremony in May of 2017 the 50th annual commencement; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of students have improved their lives by attending Ohlone College over the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Economic and human development impact of Ohlone College on the community has been significant; and

WHEREAS, The 50th Anniversary Year provides a framework and impetus to reconnect, re-engage and recognize former students and faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, It is right and fitting for the college community and the community at large to celebrate the successes of the past 50 years and focus on the commitment and vision for the next 50 years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ohlone Community College District Board of Trustees designates 2017 the 50th Anniversary Year for Ohlone College and encourages the college community to reconnect, re-engage with, and recognize fellow students, faculty and staff and further encourages the college community and the community at large to take this opportunity to celebrate the many successes of Ohlone College and to promote a commitment to the vision for the next 50 years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2016.