RESOLUTION BY THE OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES DECLARING EMERGENCY CONDITIONS EXIST AT OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California declared a State of Emergency due to the outbreak and spread of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to the outbreak and spread of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, as of March 26, 2020, there are 3,247 cases reported of COVID-19 in California, 178 cases in Alameda County, and officials expect the number of cases to increase; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with various statutes and regulations would prevent, hinder or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to prepare for and implement measures to respond to the potential spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to have the tools to ensure the health, safety and security of students, staff, and families on our campuses; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to have the tools to ensure student learning continues if student education needs to be conducted from alternate locations or virtual learning environments; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to have essential functions performed to minimize the impact to students, staff, and families on our campuses; some of which could be conducted from alternate locations or remote environments; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Ohlone Community College District:

(1) Determines that the circumstances described in the Resolution herein constitute an emergency condition; and

(2) By majority vote pursuant to section 20654 of the Public Contract Code and subject to approval by the President/Superintendent authorizes the establishment of flexible operations, to respond to the emergency conditions at District Sites including the Ohlone College Fremont and Newark campuses; and

(3) Authorizes the President/Superintendent and/or her designee to take any and all actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, and the health and safety of the students and staff at the sites listed above, including, but not limited to: the relocation of students and staff, provision of alternative educational program options, provision of leave of absence to employees with pay due to illness from COVID-19 without any impact to their benefit time pursuant to Education Code sections 87765 and 88199, directing staff to serve as disaster service workers pursuant to Government Code 3100, and/or make alterations, repairs or improvements to school property; and
(4) Authorizes the President/Superintendent and/or her designee to take any and all actions necessary to secure the campus infrastructure, assets, and ensure the continuation of public education, and the health and safety of the students and staff at the sites listed above, including, but not limited to: the relocation of students and staff; and

(5) Authorizes the President/Superintendent and/or her designee to determine appropriate exceptions applicable to California Public Contract Code Section 20651.2 to approve transactions required to procure equipment, services, and supplies to respond to the emergency. The President/Superintendent and/or her designee is authorized to approve transactions and contracts up to $500K.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of March, 2020 by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

OHLCONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

By: ______________________

Richard Watters
Chair, Board of Trustees

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Gari Browning, Ph.D.
President/Superintendent and Board Secretary