## HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION NO. 21:5** 

## Recognizing the Selfless Service of Hartnell College Nursing and Health Sciences Students, Faculty, and Staff During the COVID-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS, the pandemic of the coronavirus known as COVID-19 has taken a historic and unprecedented toll on individuals, families, and communities in the Salinas Valley, across the United States, and around the world throughout 2020 and into 2021; and

WHEREAS, students, faculty, and staff of the Nursing and Respiratory Care programs at Hartnell College have met with — and proven equal to — numerous and profound challenges posed by this deadly and highly contagious illness; and

WHEREAS, with support and encouragement from faculty and staff, these Hartnell College students have continued their learning despite the pandemic, attending in-person classes and training in clinical settings even when their health could not be guaranteed, and doing work that freed health care professionals to focus on COVID-19 patients; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 Hartnell College students and 18 faculty members have invested approximately 1,000 hours in vaccine education, vaccination clinic support, and personally administering the COVID-19 vaccine since December 2020, directly benefiting more than 50,000 people within the Hartnell Community College District and beyond; and

WHEREAS, their dedication and personal courage will surely be a timeless source of pride for Hartnell College, an inspiration to all of its students, and a powerful testament to these academic programs' enormous value to the greater community; and

WHEREAS, the College is confident that the students, faculty, and staff who joined in these tremendous endeavors will continue to demonstrate this deep commitment in their future work; and

WHEREAS, the College seeks to forever illuminate and distinguish their tremendous contributions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the entire Hartnell Community College District hereby recognizes and expresses enduring gratitude to its Nursing and Respiratory Care students, faculty, and staff for their selfless public service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Passed and adopted on this 15th day of June 2021

**Erica Padilla-Chavez** President, Board of Trustees



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