## HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## **Commending former Superintendent-President Dr. Willard Lewallen for Outstanding Service to the Hartnell Community College District**

WHEREAS, Dr. Willard Clark Lewallen led the Hartnell Community College District [the District] to multiple achievements throughout his tenure of more than seven years as its superintendent/ president, from 2012-19; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewallen has strongly espoused and modeled a philosophy of "students first" – weighing every decision on that basis – and set an inspiring example for employees and supporters of the District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewallen's commitment to student success has yielded dramatic gains in individual achievement, community partnerships that strengthen the District and the entire Salinas Valley, and the continual growth and development of the college itself, through investment in talent and expertise and ongoing improvement in campus programs and facilities; and

*WHEREAS*, these accomplishments were pivotal in an unconditional, seven-year renewal of the District's accreditation by the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges in June 2019; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Lewallen's leadership, the District has earned and received much greater appreciation and respect as an institution of higher education, throughout the Central Coast region and across California; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewallen's service to the District has enabled tens of thousands of students to pursue and fulfill their life goals through the acquisition of knowledge, skills and confidence;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hartnell Community College District hereby recognizes and expresses its profound gratitude to Dr. Lewallen for his unyielding commitment to its students and the communities it serves.

## Passed and adopted on this 1st day of October of 2019.

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