

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution celebrating **Hartnell College** on earning Excelencia in Education's prestigious **Seal of Excelencia**.

WHEREAS, Focusing on the education and workforce development needs of communities in the Salinas Valley, **Hartnell College** strengthens communities by providing opportunities for students to reach career and academic goals (associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, certificates of achievement, transfer to four-year institutions) in an environment committed to student learning, achievement, and success; and

WHEREAS, Excelencia in Education, the nation's premier authority on efforts to accelerate Latinx student success in higher education, announced on October 1, 2024 that **Hartnell College** earned the prestigious **Seal of Excelencia**; and

WHEREAS, The **Seal of Excelencia** is a national certification for institutions that strive to go beyond enrollment and more intentionally serve Latinx students; and

WHEREAS, The **Seal of Excelencia** framework represents a rigorous assessment of certified institutions' intentionality and impact in improving outcomes such as retention, financial support, and degree completion for Latinx students by aligning efforts across data, practice, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, The **Seal of Excelencia** certification remains valid for three years, after which institutions have the opportunity to recertify; and

WHEREAS, **Hartnell College** is one of only 17 colleges and universities nationwide to earn the **Seal of Excelencia** in 2024; and

WHEREAS, In the academic year 2023-24, **Hartnell College** served 12,000 students, with 83% identifying as Latinx; and

WHEREAS, **Hartnell College's** submitted application for the **Seal of Excelencia** highlighted their robust programs and services including; bilingual services in both English and Spanish; Mi Casa Program for undocumented students; High School Equivalency Program; Cohort-mentorship programs; Math Academy; Connecting students with internships and careers in STEM; Creating of a Basic Needs Office; Dual enrollment opportunities for high school students; Rising Scholars program for incarcerated students; and

WHEREAS, **Hartnell College's** application for the **Seal of Excelencia** also highlighted their strategic placement of education centers in Castroville, East Salinas, King City, and Soledad aimed to provide access to education in areas with low education attainment and in low-income, predominantly Spanish-speaking communities; and

WHEREAS, The impact of **Hartnell College**'s efforts is evident in the course success rates for Latinx students: 72.8% in 2018-2019, 69.6% during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-2021, and 74.1% in 2022-2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, congratulates **Hartnell College** on earning the **Seal of Excelencia**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____ for the meeting on _____, 2024.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy