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WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA

RESOLUTION NO. 12,408

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WESTERN IOWA TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHEREAS, the 61st General Assembly passed legislation in a broad bi-partisan basis in 1965 to establish and operate area community colleges and vocational schools, with Governor Harold Hughes signing the legislation into law on June 7, 1965; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Board of Education officially designated Western Iowa Tech Community College on August 19, 1965; and

WHEREAS, the first board of directors was elected on November 2, 1966, with the first classes in three program areas started on January 27, 1967; and

WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, Western Iowa Tech Community College has become the largest provider of postsecondary education in northwest Iowa, with over 26,000 graduates; and

WHEREAS, Western Iowa Tech Community College delivers college parallel courses and career technical education to high school students, literacy and basic education to adults, along with technical and transfer opportunities for area residents; and

WHEREAS, Western Iowa Tech Community College has been instrumental to economic growth and individual opportunity across its six county area; and

WHEREAS, Western Iowa Tech Community College has established a collaborative relationship with Woodbury County and the City of Sioux City by building and establishing The Security Institute which houses the Woodbury County Joint Emergency Operations Center and the 911 Communications Center and also provides and supports public safety training that is current and relevant to the needs of today's public safety providers which include Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, Communications, and EMA; and

WHEREAS, Western Iowa Tech Community College consistently pursues its mission to provide quality education and to economically enhance the communities it serves;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS congratulates and commends Western Iowa Tech Community College for its 50 years of developing and sustaining accessible and quality higher education opportunities for all area residents and for its 50 years of service to businesses, communities, and residents.

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Patrick F. Gill, Woodbury County Auditor