## APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO MILITARY-AFFILIATED STUDENTS

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-13**

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, the Indiana General Assembly passed Senate Enrolled Act 384 – the Collegiate Purple Star Designation (Indiana Code 21-18-18), to create a state program to recognize colleges and universities that are supportive and inclusive of veterans and military-connected families; and

**WHEREAS**, since its passage, Ivy Tech Community College ("College") has worked with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to determine standards required for an institution to receive the Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana ("CPSI"); and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the College created a CPSI taskforce to ensure the College could meet the standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the College recognizes and honors the contributions of our military-affiliated students, which we define as "any individual who is currently serving or has served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, or Reserves, as well as spouses, children, and other dependents of active-duty service members or veterans,"; and

WHEREAS, the College is committed to supporting military-affiliated students, and

WHEREAS, the College is committed to providing resources and services tailed to meet the unique needs of military-affiliated students, including academic advising, counseling, and financial assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the College fosters a supportive campus culture that provides an environment for members of the military community to feel valued and respected; and

**WHEREAS**, the College recognizes the valuable skills, experiences, and insights of military-affiliated students and collaborates with local veteran's organizations and support networks to advocate for policies and instructional initiatives to enhance their educational success.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Board of Trustees approve and endorse the College's Support to military-affiliated students and the State's CPSI.

STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OF INDIANA

Andrew Wilson, Chair

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Dated: April 3, 2025