

HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

No. #20:22

Declaring October 19-23, 2020 as Undocumented Student Action Week

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges comprise the nation's largest postsecondary education system in the country with 116 colleges and 2.1 million students, and is committed to providing an open and welcoming environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, undocumented students are disproportionately impacted by their immigration status, and the Trump Administration's decision on September 5, 2017, to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, placed the safety, security, and educational future of thousands of undocumented students in doubt; and

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges have advocated to Congress and the Administration to preserve DACA and respect the contributions of undocumented immigrants, and on January 26, 2017, the Board of Governors passed a resolution expressing its support for DACA and firm commitment to serving all students who can benefit from a postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2020, by a margin of 5-4, the Supreme Court decided that President Trump did not follow the Administration Procedures Act, and thereby upholding the DACA program; and

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges stand united as a system where all students can learn, grow, feel supported and safe; and

WHEREAS, Hartnell College, reflecting the diversity of California, has adopted policies and procedures consistent with protecting immigrant students, and has created partnerships with community organizations to help our undocumented students access legal assistance and other services in local communities; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor's Office has sponsored Undocumented Student Week of Action, to inform undocumented students about all available services on campus and in local communities and empower them to access those services, and support students and allies in advocating to Congress to act quickly and establish a permanent solution for undocumented people; and

WHEREAS, Hartnell College continues to highlight the contributions of undocumented students across the district and on October 1, 2019, the Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees passed a resolution reaffirming its commitment to support all students throughout our district, including undocumented students; and

WHEREAS, despite advocacy efforts by the California Community Colleges and many other individuals and organizations in California and across the nation, the preservation of DACA and the adoption of an effective solution for undocumented students remains elusive, which places continued economic and emotional weight on students, their families, communities, and the state; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Hartnell Community College District declare October 19-23, 2020 as "Undocumented Student Action Week" to work in partnership with other organizations and encourage the California Community Colleges to engage in activities supporting undocumented students; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Hartnell Community College District will continue to support efforts by our college to serve undocumented students with dedicated space and staffing, professional development for faculty and staff, examination of policies and practices that disproportionately impact undocumented students and reinforcement of state policies that protect student rights and privacy, and by dissemination of information to students, families, educators, and community members; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Hartnell Community College District urge Congressional members to uphold California values and create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented students, which will permit them to complete their education goals and achieve their highest potential.

AYES: DePauw, Donohue, Lopez, Montemayor, Osorio, Padilla-Chavez, Salazar

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None



President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Trustees