

**RESOLUTION
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 7
HONORING UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLES' DAY AND MONTH
AT SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, the United States is home to millions of undocumented individuals who contribute significantly to the nation's economic, cultural, and social fabric, and who, despite numerous challenges, show resilience and determination in the pursuit of better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Undocumented Peoples' Day, traditionally observed on October 15, serves as a national recognition of the vital role undocumented individuals play in building and sustaining communities across the country, honoring their perseverance in the face of adversity and systemic barriers; and

WHEREAS, at Santa Barbara City College (SBCC), as noted in the passage of Resolution 17 in 2016, we affirm our commitment to fostering an inclusive, equitable, and just environment that acknowledges and supports the dignity and human rights of all individuals, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, SBCC's Center for Equity and Social Justice Dream Center has been instrumental in advocating for the educational, social, and emotional needs of undocumented students, providing them with resources, guidance, and support to navigate their academic journeys and to succeed in higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Dream Center at SBCC exemplifies the college's commitment to equity by empowering undocumented students, promoting their well-being, and fostering a sense of belonging, while also educating the broader campus community on the unique challenges faced by these individuals; and

WHEREAS, the cultural contributions of undocumented individuals, particularly in Santa Barbara and California, are woven into the fabric of our community, enriching our lives through their diverse cultural practices, languages, traditions, and perspectives. The contributions of undocumented individuals extend into being an economic force in California, where migrant workers make up 80 percent of the state's agricultural workforce, among other vital and important economic sectors; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District, that the Santa Barbara City College Board of Trustees declares October 15 – November 15 as Undocumented Peoples' Month at SBCC, a time to celebrate, honor, and advocate for the rights and recognition of undocumented individuals on our campus, within our community, and across the nation. The District remains steadfast in its dedication to creating a

welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment for all students, faculty, and staff, regardless of their immigration status, and to advocating for policies and practices that uplift and protect undocumented individuals in our community and across the country.

The foregoing **RESOLUTION** was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District on October 10, 2024 by the following vote to wit:

Aye: Trustees Abboud, Croninger, Everett, Gullap-Moore, Miller, and Stoddard

No:

Absent:

Abstain: Trustee Gallardo

Advisory: Student Trustee Tan



Jonathan Abboud, President
Board of Trustees
Santa Barbara Community College District



Erika Endrijonas, Ph.D., Superintendent/President
and Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees
Santa Barbara Community College District