



RESOLUTION 17-009 IN SUPPORT OF STUDENTS FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS, REGARDLESS OF BACKGROUND, RACE, ETHNICITY, HERITAGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, IMMIGRATION STATUS, RELIGION, AGE, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, OR ABILITY

On the motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, the following resolution is adopted:

WHEREAS, Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (GCCCD), Governing Board, administration, faculty, and staff support and value the District's mission of transforming lives through learning by providing outstanding diverse learning opportunities that prepare students to meet community needs, promote global responsibility, and foster opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, the District remains committed to our values of diversity, equity and inclusion and to supporting all our students, in keeping with our District and College goals to cultivate a student-centered culture of excellence, trust, stewardship, and service; and

WHEREAS, the District complies with federal and state laws and regulations, such as the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) that governs the privacy of student records, AB 540, and the California DREAM Act, which exempt undocumented students from non-resident tuition and provide other benefits; and

WHEREAS, the District supports the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) that provides a temporary reprieve from deportation for students who were brought to this country as children; and

WHEREAS, the District believes that neither California nor the United States of America will prosper without affording respect, opportunity, and support to its diverse population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Board supports the position of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors (Resolution No. 2017-01) and affirms its continuing support for the District's diverse student population, including students arriving from other countries in any status, and students representing a variety of religious beliefs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as students are the highest priority, the Governing Board directs the Chancellor and Presidents to strive to ensure that these students receive reassurance, support, and assistance in gaining a sense of security and well-being; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Board supports and affirms these practices and principles that our District:

- Is open to all students who meet the minimum requirement for admission, regardless of background, race, ethnicity, heritage, national origin, immigration status, religion, age, gender, gender identity, or ability
- Will not release any personally identifiable student information, including data related to immigration status, without a judicial warrant, subpoena or court order unless authorized by the student or required by law
- Will not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, national origin, race, or sexual orientation
- Stands proudly for the heritage of American community colleges as hallmarks of a diverse, engaged, and healthy democracy

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Board directs the Chancellor to share this resolution with legislators, community leaders, and organizations, and urges the President of the United States of America to continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District on the 21st day of February 2017, in the State of California, County of San Diego, by the following votes: **AYES:** _____ **NAYS:** _____

ABSENT: _____

I, Debbie Justeson, Clerk of the Governing Board, Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, San Diego County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held at its regular place of meeting at the time and by the vote stated, which resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

Debbie Justeson
Clerk of the Governing Board