RESOLUTION NO. 16-21521

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT PALOMAR COLLEGE, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2016 the California Community College Chancellor's Office reaffirmed its commitment to undocumented students; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges are open to all students who meet the minimum requirements for admission, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor's Office will not release any personally identifiable student information, including any data related to immigration status, without a judicial warrant, subpoena or court order, unless authorized the by the student or required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor's Office 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; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor's Office will continue to advocate for educational opportunities for all students in the community college system, regardless of immigration status at the state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, Palomar Community College District is part of the California Community College System and is situated in Southern California approximately fifty miles from the US/Mexico border; and

WHEREAS, the Palomar Community College District has a long history of recognizing and celebrating the contributions of our immigrant student population, as their rich histories and cultures have contributed to, created, and engaged global citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Palomar Community College District continues to recognize the rights of all students and their families, regardless of immigration status, family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status; and

Resolution No. 16-21521 Page 2 of 3

WHEREAS, the results of the 2016 presidential election have caused uncertainty and concern among our student population; and

WHEREAS, the Palomar Community College District Governing Board previously acknowledged that civil and human rights are deeply rooted in the fabric of democratic and principled societies; and

WHEREAS, prominent among Palomar College's Institutional Values are: Supporting inclusiveness of individual and community viewpoints in collaborative decision-making processes; promoting mutual respect and trust through transparency, civility, and open communications; diversity in learning environments, philosophies, cultures, beliefs, and people; access to our programs and services and fostering integrity as the foundation for all we do.

WHEREAS, Palomar College is and will continue to be a safe haven and inclusive environment for all students, staff, faculty and administrators,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palomar Community College District Governing Board reaffirms its commitment to undocumented students, and all students who meet the minimum requirements for admission, regardless of immigration status;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palomar Community College District will not release any personally identifiable student information, including any data related to immigration status, without a judicial warrant, subpoena or court order, unless authorized the by the student or required by law;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palomar Community College District Governing Board is steadfast in its position and 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;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palomar Community College District Governing Board will continue to vigorously advocate for educational opportunities for all students in the community college system, regardless of immigration status at the state and federal level;

Resolution No. 16-21521 Page 3 of 3

BE IT RESOLVED that the Palomar Community College District Governing Board will continue to recognize and honor the human rights of all students and their families, regardless of immigration status, family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Palomar Community College District Governing Board declares Palomar College a safe haven and reaffirms and stands united in its unequivocal support of an immigrant-friendly environment for all students who choose to better their lives through education.

AYES: Hensch, McNamara, Halcón, Evilsizer, Deerfield

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

President, Governing Boald V Palomar Community College District

Attest:

Secretary, Governing Board Palomar Community College District