WHEREAS, California community colleges were founded with the goal of fostering excellence and guaranteeing educational access for all; and

WHEREAS, the North Orange County Community College District (the District) is committed to serving all students who can benefit from a post-secondary education, without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, immigration status, age, gender, language, socio-economic status, gender identity or expression, medical condition or disability; and

WHEREAS, California’s diversity is a great source of innovation and industry, making California one of the largest economies in the world and an economic engine for the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately one tenth of California’s workforce is undocumented and contributes $130 billion annually to our state’s gross domestic product, according to the California Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to reassure students and our community that our campuses will remain welcoming places for students of all backgrounds to learn; that no changes have been made with regard to admissions or financial aid; and that financial aid for certain undocumented students is protected by state law; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District declares that its campuses shall remain open and welcoming to all students who meet the minimum requirements for admission, regardless of immigration status, and that financial aid remains available to certain undocumented students; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District will not enter into any agreements with law enforcement agencies to assist in the enforcement of federal immigration law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board Policy, the District will not release any personally identifiable student information related to immigration status without a judicial warrant, subpoena or court order, unless authorized by the student or required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District urges the new United States presidential administration to continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which grants “Dreamers” – people brought to this country as children by their parents – reprieve from deportation because California and the United States are both stronger due to their contributions to our economy and to our communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District will join the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and Chancellor’s Office to vigorously advocate to protect our students and our values.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the North Orange County Community College District on March 14, 2017, by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Stephen T. Blount, Jeffrey P. Brown, Barbara Dunsheath, Ed Lopez, Molly McClanahan, and Jacqueline Rodarte

NOES: Ryan Bent

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

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Molly McClanahan
Board President