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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DECLARING
APRIL CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES MONTH**

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges, the largest system of higher education in the country with 2.1 million students, is an essential resource for the State of California, its people and its economy; and

WHEREAS, California's community colleges provide excellent educational offerings for students wishing to transfer to California State University, University of California, independent colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges offer career education programs for students to be competitive in today's demanding workforce, leading them to productive, higher wage futures and providing the state's fastest-growing industries with the skilled labor upon which their success depends; and

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges bring higher education within the reach of every Californian because of their open admissions, low enrollment fees, financial assistance for low-income students, academic and career guidance, outstanding teaching by dedicated faculty, and specialized support services for students; and

WHEREAS, California's public Community Colleges constitute an accessible path to a better life for generations of low-income and working-class Californians; and

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges serves the state in 114 communities and online with innovative programs that respond quickly to the needs of students, employers and regional economies and serve as a primary driver of social and economic mobility for Californians; and

WHEREAS, By 2020, 65 percent of U.S. jobs will require some type of college credential or degree, the Board of Governors adopted the Vision for Success, a strategic plan that articulates bold goals to improve student outcomes, including increased, attainment of degrees and certificates, transfer to four-year institutions, reducing excess unit accumulation by students, securing gainful employment and closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, California's Community colleges are an indispensable investment in our state's present and future prosperity; and

WHEREAS, April is celebrated as Community College Month across the nation; therefore

RESOLVED that the Community College League of California urges the residents of California to participate in public events held on their local community college campuses during California Community College Month; and therefore, be it further

RESOLVED that the Community College League of California, and the locally elected trustees and college chief executive officers it represents, urges the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, to recognize April 2019 as California Community College Month, and commend the nation's community colleges on providing opportunity and excellence in higher education and workforce preparation.