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# Board of Trustees Resolution

## Supporting California Community College Undocumented Students and Undocumented Student Action Week October 14–18, 2024

### *“Education and Career UndocuDreams Made Possible”*

*Whereas,* the South Orange County Community College District (SOCCCD), comprised of Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College, is committed to providing an open and welcoming environment for all students; and

*Whereas,* the California Community College system enrolls the largest population of undocumented students of any segment of public higher education; and

*Whereas,* when undocumented immigrants can pursue their career and professional goals free of institutional barriers and discrimination, they are able to reach their educational goals and, in turn, contribute to the improvement of their communities and our economy; and

*Whereas,* the California Community Colleges hosts an annual Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW) every third week of October; and

*Whereas,* SOCCCD joins numerous community colleges in California with an adoption of policies and procedures consistent with protecting immigrant students, and creating partnerships with community organizations to help our undocumented students access legal assistance and other services in our community; and

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*Whereas,* SOCCCD participates in Undocumented Student Action Week, to inform undocumented students about all available services on campus and in local communities and empower them to access those services, and support students and allies in advocating to Congress to act quickly and establish a permanent solution for undocumented young people; and

*Whereas,* SOCCCD stands united as a district where all students can learn, grow, and feel supported and safe; now, therefore,

*Be it resolved,* that the South Orange County Community College District declares October 14-18, 2024, and every third week of October thereafter, as “Undocumented Student Action Week” to work in partnership with other organizations, the California Community Colleges, and the Community College League of California to engage in activities supporting undocumented students.

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