



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Resolution 20-023

Declaring October 19-23, 2020, as Undocumented Student Action Week

On motion of Member Debbie Justeson, seconded by Member Brad Monroe, the following resolution is adopted:

WHEREAS, the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District is committed to providing an open and welcoming environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration's decision on September 5, 2017, to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program placed the safety, security, and educational future of thousands of undocumented students in doubt; and

WHEREAS, the District has advocated to Congress to preserve DACA and respect the contributions of undocumented immigrants, and on February 21, 2017, the Governing Board passed a resolution expressing its support for DACA; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2020, by a margin of 5-4, the Supreme Court decided that President Trump did not follow the Administration Procedures Act, thereby upholding the DACA program; and

WHEREAS, although the Supreme Court did not end the DACA program, it did affirm the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) authority to end the DACA program in a lawful manner; and

WHEREAS, new guidelines set by the DHS, such as the reduction of 2-year-permits to a 1-year-permit and an increase in filing price, creates an unnecessary burden for students; and

WHEREAS, the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District and other California Community Colleges stand united as a system where all students can learn, grow, and feel supported and safe; and

WHEREAS, the Undocumented Student Week of Action is sponsored by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office 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, Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges have participated in previous Undocumented Student Weeks of Action by engaging in a program of activities in support of undocumented students, and on October 15, 2019, the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board passed a resolution reaffirming its commitment to support all students throughout our District, including undocumented students, which was part of the weeklong program of activities and information disseminated systemwide; and

WHEREAS, despite advocacy efforts by many individuals and organizations in California and across the nation, the preservation of DACA and the adoption of an effective solution for undocumented students remains elusive, which places continued economic and emotional weight on students, their families, communities, and the state; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District declares October 19-23, 2020 and every third week of October thereafter, as "Undocumented Student Action Week" to work in partnership with other organizations and encourage the California Community Colleges to engage in activities supporting undocumented students; and be it further

RESOLVED that the District supports efforts by Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges to identify and share best practices for assisting undocumented students, disseminate information to the students about how to access funding for immigration defense proceedings and referral to legal service providers, and reinforce state policies that protect student rights and privacy; and be it further

RESOLVED that the District urges Congressional members to uphold California values and create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented students, which will permit them to complete their education goals and achieve their highest potential.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District of San Diego County, California, this 13th day of October 2020 by the vote:

AYES: Adams, Cartwright, Garrett, Justeson, Monroe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Elena Adams, Clerk of the Governing Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by said Board at the regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date.



Clerk of the Governing Board