

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 16  
FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Santa Barbara City College is committed to supporting diverse and inclusive educational environments and opportunities that enhance the well-being and success of all students, including those who are or have been in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, the foster care system plays a critical role in providing safe environments for children, youths and young adults who are unable to live with their biological families due to safety concerns or other circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, there are thousands of children, youths and young adults in foster care across the country, requiring a substantial network of supportive and caring foster resource families to meet their needs for safety, resiliency and success; and

**WHEREAS**, foster resource families open their homes, hearts, and lives to children, youths and young adults in need, offering stability, compassion, and support, which are essential for their development, well-being and mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedication and commitment of foster families contribute significantly to the healing and growth of foster children, youths and young adults, enabling them to pursue educational opportunities, achieve personal resiliency and success; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Barbara City College recognizes the unique challenges and obstacles faced by students who are or have been in foster care and is dedicated to providing resources, support, and advocacy to support their academic and personal achievements. Santa Barbara City College is a part of the bridge for foster children, youth and young adults to reach their educational and personal dreams; and

**WHEREAS**, Foster Care Awareness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about foster care needs and challenges, celebrate the remarkable contributions of foster resource families and cultivate a community of support and appreciation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District, hereby recognizes May as Foster Care Awareness Month:

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Trustees of the SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT this 25th day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

Aye: 5

No:

Abstain:

Absent: 2

Concur: 1



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Jonathan Abboud, President  
Santa Barbara Community College District  
Board of Trustees



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Erika Endrijonas, Ph.D.  
Superintendent/President and Secretary/Clerk  
to the Board of Trustees