

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

**Resolution No. 11
RECOGNIZING MAY AS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) 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. SBCC 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 foster 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.

The foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 17th day of April, by the following vote, to wit:

Aye: Trustees Abboud, Black-Maertz, Croninger, Gullap-Moore, Morris, Richards, and Stoddard

No:

Abstain:

Absent:

Advisory: Student Trustee Tan



Jonathan Abboud, President
Board of Trustees



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