

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES

WHEREAS, the community college is a singularly important uniquely American invention and world contribution to higher education; and

WHEREAS, community colleges are the largest group of higher education institutions in the United States, educating more than seven million (*i.e.*, 46% of all undergraduate credit students and more than five million additional non-credit students); and

WHEREAS, it is a national priority and a social and economic imperative to improve the numbers and percentages of American college graduates; and

WHEREAS, the accumulated contribution of former community college students employed in the U.S. workforce in 2012 contributed \$809 billion in income—5.4% of the Gross Domestic Product—to the national economy; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 60% of job openings will require at least an associate degree or higher by 2020; and

WHEREAS, momentum is growing in communities and states to support the principle of the first two years of tuition and debt-free higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Community College District joins the America's College Promise initiatives underway across our nation in recognizing that community colleges are integral to America's prosperity, and the need for greater public support to provide millions of graduates for a well-educated workforce each year; and

WHEREAS, the national Association of Community College Trustees strongly supports the College Promise Campaign to foster the national conversation and advance public understanding about the centrality of community colleges to the nation's well-being and the future of our democracy in the 21st century; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Chancellor and Board of Trustees of Ventura County Community College District, do hereby formally support the College Promise Campaign that calls for increased public investment in community colleges at the local, state, and federal level to increase success for America's students and families for generations to come.

Adopted October 13, 2015:



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