VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08 SUPPORT FOR AND DECLARATION OF CLEAN AIR DAY

Whereas, air pollution contributes to higher rates of cancer and heart and lung diseases, which adversely affect health; and

Whereas, California has some of the most polluted regions in the United States; and

Whereas, it is vital that we protect the health and well-being of our students, visitors, and workforce; and

Whereas, emissions from vehicles, industry, and even household sources significantly affects the natural environment, air quality and well-being of students, employees, and visitors of the Ventura County Community College District and the communities we serve; and

Whereas, individual actions such as not idling vehicles unnecessarily, walking or biking to work and school, carpooling, and conserving energy can directly improve air quality in our region; and

Whereas, education about air quality can raise community awareness, encourage our community to develop better habits, and improve our community health; and

Whereas, everyone can play a role; and

Whereas, Californians will be joining together across the state to clear the air on October 6, 2021; and

Whereas, the Ventura County Community College District is committed to the health of our students, workforce, visitors, and community at large; and

Whereas, the Ventura County Community College District has a long standing recognition of the need to reduce our carbon footprint; and

Whereas, at every opportunity the Ventura County Community College District seeks to expand upon our existing sustainability efforts, programs, and plans; and

Whereas, the Ventura County Community College District has partnered with Ventura County Transportation Commission to provide free bus transportation through the College Ride Program; and

Whereas, the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees approved solar energy projects at Moorpark, Oxnard, and Ventura colleges, which are planned for connection to the energy grid in the fourth guarter 2021; and

Now, therefore be it resolved, by the Ventura County Community College District that October 6, 2021 be declared "Clean Air Day", and

Be it further resolved that we encourage all students, employees, and community members to participate in Clean Air Day and help clear the air for all Californians.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees the Ventura County Community College District, this 14th day of September, 2021.

Joshua Chancer, Chair

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