

**BELMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



RESOLUTION 2009 -08

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE  
AMERICAN GRADUATION INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, community colleges are the largest and fastest growing sector of higher education in the U.S., educating more than 45% of all undergraduate students as well as more than five million additional non-credit students; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a national consensus that the United States needs to provide greater numbers and percentages of its citizens with a higher education, as a moral, social, and economic imperative; and

**WHEREAS**, community colleges continue to need greater financial and related support as well as a new national focus, in order to fully realize their potential in helping more Americans obtain a college education and meet related career and personal goals; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama has specifically set the goal of increasing the number of community college graduates by 5 million by 2020, along with ambitious national goals concerning postsecondary education; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama's "America Graduation Initiative" recognizes the centrality of community colleges to America's well-being, and need for financial resources to help those institutions,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Belmont Technical College formally endorses the American Graduation Initiative and commits to doing everything it can to achieve its enactment.

*Elizabeth Gates*

Elizabeth F. Gates, Chair  
Board of Trustees

*Joseph E. Bukowski*

Joseph E. Bukowski, President  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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