

Resolution of the Board of Trustees
San Diego Community College District

In the matter of President Barack Obama's "American Graduation Initiative"

Whereas, the San Diego Community College District provides educational programs that improve the economy and workforce preparedness of the San Diego region;

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;


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;

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;


Whereas President Barack 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;

Whereas President Barack 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;

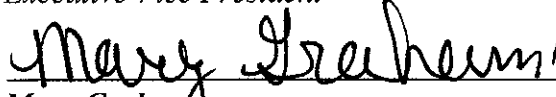
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the San Diego Community College District formally endorses the American Graduation Initiative and commits to doing everything it can to achieve its enactment.




Rich Grosch
President



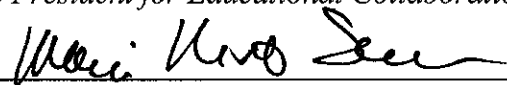
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*Passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees
of the San Diego Community College District
in San Diego, California, this 27th day of
August, 2009.*



Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D.
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