

TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RESOLUTION 2009-02
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;

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacoma Community College approves the enactment of President Obama's "American Graduation Initiative."

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2009



Laurie Jenkins, Chair
Board of Trustees
Tacoma Community College, District 22