

RESOLUTION NO. 1984

**SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
SUPPORTING AND RESPECTING IMMIGRANTS**

WHEREAS, Southwestern College is situated along the U.S.-Mexico international border and serves approximately 20,000 students every semester, many of whom are members of a cross-border community; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Community College District has a long history of recognizing and celebrating the contributions of our immigrant student population, as their rich histories and cultures have contributed to creating engaged global citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Community College District continues to recognize the rights of all students and their families, regardless of immigration status, family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status; and

WHEREAS, the results of the 2016 presidential election have caused uncertainty and concern among our student population; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Community College District Governing Board previously acknowledged that civil and human rights are deeply rooted in the fabric of democratic and principled societies; and

WHEREAS, prominent among Southwestern College's Institutional Values are mutual respect—to treat one another with dignity, trust and fairness, appreciating the diversity of our community, students and workforce, in a collegial and cooperative manner—and cultural competence and commonality—to positively engage our College community in developing a deep appreciation of, and collegiality among, all cultures; and

WHEREAS, Southwestern College is and will continue to be a safe environment for all students, staff, faculty and administrators,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southwestern Community College Governing Board stands united in support of an immigrant-friendly environment for all immigrants who choose to better their lives through education.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Southwestern Community College District this 15th day of November, 2016.

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