**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING**

**THE CREATION OF A SANCTUARY CAMPUS**

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Community College (“SFCC”) is committed to providing a welcoming, safe, and respectful environment for all of ourcommunity; and

WHEREAS, SFCC is committed to its policies of non-discrimination and equal opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Community College Governing Board (“Governing Board”), the SFCC academic community, and post-secondary institutions across the country are concerned about the increase in hate crimes and inflammatory language around the United States, including New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the proposed statements of the incoming presidential administration could undermine the safety and security of members of the SFCC community and their families, particularly those students and staff who are not United States citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of SFCC and the State of New Mexico to not deny admission to public post-secondary institutions because of a student’s immigration status, NMSA 1978, § 21-1-4.6(A); and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of SFCC and the State of New Mexico to extend certain tuition rates or state-funded financial aid regardless of immigration status, NMSA 1978, § 21-1-4.6(B); and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the SFCC and the State of New Mexico to not discriminate on the basis of race, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, physical or mental disability, serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation, and gender identity, NMSA 1978, § 28-1-7; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Javier Gonzales has recently announced the City of Santa Fe’s continuing commitment to being a sanctuary city; and

WHEREAS, two internal 2011 memos issued by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) indicate that United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers are subject to certain restrictions upon entering college campuses, and should exercise discretion in the prosecution of high school and college students, Memorandum Regarding Enforcement Actions at or Focused on Sensitive Locations, issued October 24, 2011, and Memorandum Regarding Exercising Prosecutorial Discretion Consistent with the Civil Immigration Enforcement Priorities of the Agency for the Apprehension, Detention and Removal of Aliens, issued June 17, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a large number of universities and colleges throughout the country are in the process of declaring themselves to be a “Sanctuary Campus” to signal their continued commitment to protect all members of their campus communities regardless of their immigration status.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIRECTS THE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS, TO THE EXTENT LEGALLY POSSIBLE:

Section 1. Develop policies and procedures to make SFCC a Sanctuary Campus, in order to protect the safety and security of our students, faculty, staff, and the broader community.

Section 2. Protect student privacy and insure confidentiality by prohibitingthe release of information about students’ immigration status to law enforcement agencies and federal agencies.

Section 3. Instruct SFCC security to refrain from collaborating with or volunteering information to ICE for the purposes of immigration enforcement.

Section 4. Refuse access to campus and other SFCC-controlled property to federal immigration officials for the purposes of immigration enforcement, except in exigent circumstances or upon issuance and receipt of a warrant.

Section 5. Assign specific administrative staff to assist, on a strictly confidential basis, SFCC’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (“DACA”) students and other students who lack the protections of citizenship.

Section 6. Implement campus-wide training and programs in de-escalation intervention techniques, upstander intervention, and anti-bullying.

Section 7. Commit to providing adequate counseling services for SFCC students, including mental health professionals who have competency in working with politically marginalized communities.

Section 8. Implement a forum for ongoing feedback from students, faculty, and staff about campus climate and additional future actions to protect the safety and dignity of the SFCC community.

Section 9. Offer workshops on knowing your rights and availability of legal services for students, faculty, staff and community members.

Section 10. SFCC shall participate in an intergovernmental working group including the SFPS, City Santa Fe and Santa Fe County to coordinate and strategize sanctuary policies for our community.

GOVERNING BODY

Santa Fe Community College District

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Authorized Officer

Kathy Keith, Chair\_\_\_

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