



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE OFFERING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

WHEREAS, bachelor degree attainment in northern Santa Barbara County is below the state's average; and

WHEREAS, the nearest baccalaureate-granting universities to northern Santa Barbara County are UCSB and CalPoly, San Luis Obispo, both of which maintain international profiles that result in low admission rates for local students; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of bachelor's degrees are well documented, with a recent nationwide study reporting that median earnings of bachelor's degree recipients were 65% higher than those of high school graduates; and

WHEREAS, current data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that management jobs in fields such as operations, health services, transportation, and communications are in high demand and pay livable wages in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties; and

WHEREAS, Allan Hancock College, established over a century ago in 1920, is a federally designated Hispanic-serving institution that has been recognized five times since 2011 by the Aspen Institution as a top 150 community college nationally; and

WHEREAS, Allan Hancock College maintains a strong record of partnering with regional businesses and industry, municipalities, agencies, and k-12 educational institutions for workforce development, and contributes in excess of \$550 million annually to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Allan Hancock College is applying to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to offer its first bachelor's degree for local students who may not be able to move or commute out of the region for their education; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bachelor's of Science in Applied Professional Studies will provide practical management education through the college's Business Department and will prepare graduates for entry-level positions in office management, human resources, and other basic business operations.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby express our unequivocal support for Allan Hancock College in its application to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to offer a bachelor's degree in Applied Professional Studies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 28th day of November 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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