**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EOPS AND DESIGNATING [INSERT MONTH] 202[X] AS EOPS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Amidst the struggle for civil rights and social justice, California State Senate Bill 164 (Alquist) was put into law on September 4, 1969, establishing Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS); and

WHEREAS, California Education Code §69640-69656 codified Extended Opportunity Programs and Services for the California Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, The California Code of Regulations Title 5 §56200-56298 set the implementation of EOPS for the California Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services was established to “encourage local community colleges to establish and implement programs directed to identifying those students affected by language, social, and economic handicap…and to assist those students achieve their educational objectives and goals” (*California Education Code §69640*); and

WHEREAS, Extended Opportunity Program and Services is a categorical program whose funds are intended to support students who are underserved, are educationally and economically disadvantaged, and often are first generation college students, and whose monies have been restricted to protect funding to serve these students; and

WHEREAS, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services has demonstrated its long-term success with a statewide retention rate of 85% one-year persistence and a statewide completion rate of 51% for EOPS students who earned an award or transferred within six years (EOPS Impact Study 2.0 Highlights, The RP Group, August 2022), consistently the highest of any large-scale student support program; and

WHEREAS, Every college in the [**INSERT COLLEGE/DISTRICT NAME**] participates in Extended Opportunity Programs and Services and served in excess of [**INSERT NUMBER OF STUDENT SERVED]** students in the latest academic year available (*2023-24 Data Mart – California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office*); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the **[INSERT COLLEGE/DISTRICT NAME]** hereby congratulates Extended Opportunity Programs and Services on its 55 years of serving students and reaffirms its commitment to the support of EOPS; and

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the **[INSERT COLLEGE/DISTRICT NAME]** support the integrity of Extended Opportunity Programs and Services by affirming that their categorical funds should be used exclusively to serve EOPS students according to Title 5; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the **[INSERT COLLEGE/DISTRICT NAME]** join with the California Community Colleges Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Association (CCCEOPSA) in celebrating **[INSERT MONTH AND YEAR]** as EOPS month and encourages colleges to foster awareness of EOPS to promote student success.