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Los Angeles Community College District

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**Subject:** **RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY OF LOS ANGELES PIERCE COLLEGE, LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE, AND LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE DURING THE SYLMAR FIRE OF 2017**

WHEREAS The Creek fire began on December 5, in the early morning at 3:44 am, four miles east of Sylmar, California and spread to 15,619 acres, with approximately 80 percent of the burned area impacting Angeles National Forest lands; and

WHEREAS Los Angeles County residents and business owners suffered property or economic loss due to the fires; and

WHEREAS The Creek fire threatened 2,500 structures, destroyed 123 structures, and damaged 81 buildings; and

WHEREAS The Creek fire caused three injuries to fire fighters and numerous deaths and injuries to animals; and

WHEREAS The Creek fire impacted three Los Angeles Community College District Colleges, including Los Angeles Mission College, Los Angeles Valley College, and Los Angeles Pierce College; and

WHEREAS Due to the Creek fire, L.A. Pierce College was closed for one day on December 7, L.A. Mission College closed its doors from December 5 through December 9, and L.A. Valley College cancelled classes on December 7 and 8; and

WHEREAS L.A. Mission College accommodated 71 patients and medical staff from Maclay Health Center, and over 130 patients from a nearby retirement home were housed at the campus center; and

Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees	Buelna <u>S ✓</u>	Moreno <u>✓</u>
	Fong <u>✓</u>	Svonkin <u>M ✓</u>
By _____ Date _____	Hoffman <u>✓</u>	Veres <u>✓</u>
	Kamlager <u>✓</u>	Martinez <u>Aye</u> Student Trustee Advisory Vote



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**WHEREAS** The fire came close to L.A. Mission College’s East Campus but due to the bravery of LA City and County Firefighters, the Center for Math and Science and Health Fitness Center were undamaged; and

**WHEREAS** The L.A. Mission College Arts, Media, and Performance Building sustained damage due to the high winds requiring the eight-foot roof sheets on the roof to be replaced; and

**WHEREAS** L.A. Mission College housed firefighters in the Health and Fitness Center for rest and relief; and

**WHEREAS** The L.A. Pierce College Equestrian Center was activated by L.A. County Animal Control as an emergency evacuation center and housed more than 150 animals affected by the fire, including 116 horses, 17 ponies, 5 donkeys, 4 sheep, 4 goats, 3 llamas and some chickens; and

**WHEREAS** Cooperating agencies including the Los Angeles City Fire Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department, CAL FIRE, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Los Angeles Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Cal Trans, Los Angeles County Public Health, Los Angeles County Public Works, Southern California Edison, Red Cross, Los Angeles County Animal Control, Los Angeles City Animal Services, and Los Angeles Department of Disability assisted in the eradication of the Sylmar fires; and

**WHEREAS** The following individuals from:

- Los Angeles Mission College - Irma Lopez, Maria Padilla, Blanca Britto, Sergio Urquilla, Andres Gonzalez, and Victor Salcido
- Los Angeles Pierce College - Marcie Sakadjian, Oscar Ramirez, Michelle Carcamo-Rodriguez, and Steve Gajic
- Los Angeles Valley College - Derrick Jackson

Included LACCD students, staff, and faculty who assisted first responders to eradicate the fire thereby saving lives and helping to protect structures; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** That the LACCD Board of Trustees is honored to recognize and publicly thank LACCD students, staff, and faculty for their heroic work during the December 2017 Sylmar fire.

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